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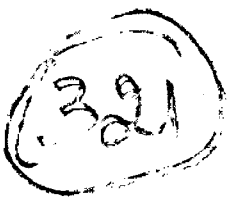

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-29

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SUBJECT.

Breach of a channel by Mr. Sanderson, Superintendent of Khuddas.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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Section L. & R.
File No 61-6/90
Serial No 1 10

From The Executive Engineer
Mysore Division

To The Private Secretary
to the Chief Engineer
of Mysore

Dated Mysore the 4th August 1890

Despatched 5/8/90

Received 6/8/90

ORDINARY

Enclosures No.

General No. 2670
No. 336

Subject

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Sub-Overseer in charge of the Chamrajnaggur Range Channels brought to notice that Mr Sanderson Superintendent of Heddas has breached the Hongalvadi Channel on the 2nd mile with a view to irrigate coffee and plantains which he has planted under that Channel.

2. Yesterday Mr Sanderson informed the undersigned personally that he had put an iron pipe sluice where he had made a breach and also closed the latter which he had planted.

Ltr Secy JMB 9/8

Mr 3693-4 of 12/8/90

Copy submitted for report as to the method under which Mr Sanderson is working a channel in connection with the cultivation of Channel lands.

C/S 9/8

Mr 3694

Copy submitted for report as to the method pursued by Mr Sanderson in working out the channel.

12/8/90.

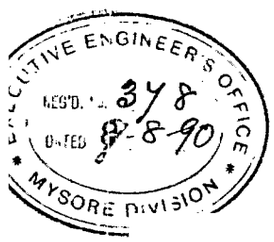
under orders of Government.

3. Undersigned considers Mr Sanderson's procedure to be irregular in as much as he interfered with the Chairman without the permission of this Department.

J. P. Macnie
Executive Engineer
Improvement Division.

Kheddah Supts Office
Mysore
Dated 7th August 1890.

No. 102



From

The Superintendent of
Kheddahs, Mysore

To

The Executive Engineer
Mysore Division.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that having been permitted by the Dewan to clear some land under the Honglewaddy Channel with a view to experiments in coffee cultivation I require four sluices for its irrigation at occasional times. It is not likely that, except in the hot weather, water will be wanted, but as it was desirable to have the sluices put down before the river rose, when cutting the bank of the channel would not be safe

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REG'D. NO. 8096
11 AUG. 90
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I look upon myself to have the four sluices excavated lately, and iron tubes of four inches diameter putin. These are nine feet in length, and there are two in one sluice, three in two sluices, and four in the fourth thus maintaining the full width of the bund. I have put the tubes in at my own expense, and now request your sanction for excavating the sluices.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

C R Lauderdale

Superintendent of Kheddahs, Mysore

ORDINARY

Call his attention to previous order. No one has any right, under any circumstances, to cut a channel in bund, & I am much surprised at the latter action in this case. Pending the receipt of the papers called for & the channel in bund must close.

CM 11/8

Put up papers as directed & when they have been returned

11/8

Submitted

13/8.

Submitted in original to the Chief Engr. for perusal and obliging return in connection with this office No. 3670 dated 7.8.90

336

9/8/90

Mysore

Approved

Exec: Engr

Mysore D.

Referred 3773 5/8/90

Rec'd 8/8/90

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MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 3737/567

From

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore.

Section L. R
File No 61-90
Serial No 152

To The Executive Engineer
Mysore Division.

Dated / Despatched 14th August 1890.

Enclosure No

ORDINARY

Subject.

Exec: Engrs ct. 849 of the 9th inst, transmitting in original letter ct. 102 of the 7th idem, from the Superintendent of Kedaldas, Mysore, regarding the breaching of the Hongluvada Channel, with the object of putting in 4 iron sluices, with a view to irrigate Coffee and Plantains.

Draws the Executive Engrs attention to this Offices ct. 3694 of the 12th instant, on the subject.

II No one has any right,

under any circumstances whatever, to cut a channel o
and the Chief Engineer is much surprised at the
Superintendents' action in this case. Pending order
f Government, the pipes should be closed and the Chan
nel bank made good. A copy of this order should be
communicated to the Supt: of Keddahs. ~~for his in-~~
~~formation & guidance.~~

Asst: Secretary.

(3) Kheddah Superintendence
Mysore
Camp Nolay
dated 15th August 1890.

No. 106. Inv. 1

From

The Superintendent of Kheddahs
Mysore.

To, The Chief Engineer,
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir

In reply to your memo no: 3693 dated 9/8 without date I have the honor to state that certain sluices were found necessary to irrigate a large piece of ground in which Coffee and plantains (the latter for fodder for Elephants) are being planted. The applying of the land to the latter purpose was duly decided on lately, and as the rising of the river was expected daily, I cut the sluices

There was a delay in the Engineer's

sluices through the bund, and put in iron pipes, in anticipation of sanction. When I came to Mysore a few days later I told Mr. Lawe of this personally, why I had done it, and that I would report the matter officially. This I did in my letter No 102 of 7th Inst, of which I enclose a copy. But the Executive Engineer, without expressing any disapproval to me personally, and without awaiting my official letter, wrote to you the day after our conversation, & you are pleased, without knowing more of the matter to call my action "breaching" a Government Channel in direct and "wanton" subversion of rules.

2. Having had experience of Channel management for years, I think I may be trusted not to have done anything

to injure the Channel. The grant of the Sluices was, I presume, only a matter of writing about them: and I did this as soon as I could. The Channel was dry when I cut the sluices, but as I should not be returning to the place for twenty days or so, I knew it would be full before that time: and as the Executive Engineer and I were in the same Head Quarters, and I could explain the matter, I acted in anticipation of sanction. I leave you to judge, therefore, whether any injury to Government's interests has occured.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

Superintendent of Khedda
Surpore.

Copy of letter no 102, dated 7th August 1920
from the Superintendent of Kheddahs,
Mysore, to the Executive Engineer, Mysore
Division, Mysore.

I have the honor to inform you that having been permitted by the Dewan to clear some land under the Honglewaddy Channel with a view to experiments in Coffee Cultivation I require four Sluices for its irrigation at occasional times. It is not likely that, except in the hot weather, water will be wanted, but as it was desirable to have the sluices put down before the river rose, when cutting the bank of the Channel would not be safe, I took upon myself to have the four sluices excavated lately, and iron pipes of four inches diameter put in. These are nine feet in length and there are two

in one sluice, three in two sluices;
and four in the fourth, thus maintaining
the full width of the bund. I have put
the pipes in at my own expense, and
now request your sanction for exe-
-cavating the sluices.

"Signed" G. P. Sanderson
Supdt of Kheddahs,
Mysore.

"Copy"
G Sanderson
Superintendent of Kheddahs,
Mysore.

RECD. NO. A 235
18 AUG. 90
MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

④ No 3879 Dt 27/8/19

To

The Subdl: of Uhuddahs.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 106 of 15th instt.

I regret you have not adduced any valid reason for breaching an irrigation channel not under your control, + allocation outside your Depart, without any authority. and it seems to me that having had experience of channel management + being myself a former Overseer for years you were exactly in a position to know that to cut a channel, no matter what the fault, was a distinct violation of standing orders, not only but very light-handed proceeding. I also know better than you could know that parties, whatever their position or employment, are at liberty to work upon a channel, pipe, cistern, or sluice appertaining to any work without the express sanction of the Officer in charge of that work. And to report to that effect the violation of a rule after it has been committed in no way answers the object in my mind. In fact I was never so much surprised in my life than I heard of your visit to the head of Dilga & this channel & that deliberately action as you have done, + I fail entirely to see what other explanation has to do with the matter. If you required stones for public purposes there was + is a regular way of obtaining them without having recourse to so objectionable a procedure as that you thought necessary to adopt.

As the thing has been done, there must now be an end of the matter, if the Superintendent wants that the supply to your plantation can be afforded. It is difficult to check channel officers + I can only hope this example will not have a bad effect.

No 3880.
Copy to Supt for information.
Rec'd in charge of this office No 3737 20/8 dated 14 inst

defaulter Rs 50 Rupees was
fixed on each sluice so Masonry
has been built.

I must beg very humbly
to represent my own Dept and
be empowered where I am so
widely known, to have anything
I did treated as a proposed, and
so I write to ask you, both as a
friend and professional official
reasons, to countermand the order.
Since last use the sluices if you
like but get official permission
to do so, which I hope you will
grant, but to have them pulled
up & the pipes carried away seems
to me very extreme action

Have told to Channel Orders.
that I must write to you and to
suspend action till I hear from
you respecting the time we should
to this our best Please reply as
soon as convenient.

Yours Sincerely

S Sanderson

D.O. (6) Bangalore
21st August 1870.

My dear Sanderson,

I received your D/O of 19th this morning. Only yesterday I drafted my official reply to you on the subject of your breaching the Mandanaddy channel. There was no misapprehension on my part about the matter. The fact was plain; you breached a Government channel for purposes of your own, without authority, without reference. I cannot pass over such an offence, which I confess I was utterly taken aback when I heard of its committal.—

Your proceeding was altogether "unauthorised," and such as necessarily brought forth what you call an insulting communication. You are apparently quite oblivious of the direct insult perpetrated to the Depr: Engineer in charge of the channel and for that matter to myself who am responsible to Govt: for their orders being enforced.—

It is altogether yourself you have to blame for what followed on this most extraordinary occurrence.

I may add here what I could not say in my regular official letter that you must have imagined that this

things could be done in a Native State by British Officers differently from what is done in a British District.

I should like to see the results of (any) the Conservator of Forests at Coimbatore breaching for his own purposes a channel from the Cauvery without reference to the Collector or District Engineer!

You are quite mistaken if you think that the Durbar will tolerate such aggression action against a Native Executive Engineer for it was aggressive to take such action regardless of his feelings or his position In fact I might say it was distinct discourteous both to him and to me more especially as you must have been aware of channel rules and discipline.

All the Overseer wrote was apparently a copy of my orders on an aggravating case.

You thought nothing of the position of the Overseer or Engineer when you deliberately cut through their Channel There is in my opinion a distinctly different side to the question from that put forward by you.

To make matters worse it now appears to me from your

MORLAY, CHAMRAJNUGGER, AUG.31ST-90

MY DEAR BOWEN,

PEACE HAS NOT BEEN QUITE RESTORED ABOUT THOSE SLUICES, AS THE SUB DIV ICER CAME ON THE 29TH AND CLOSED THEM, AND IF IT HAD NOT BEEN THAT HE ACTED IN A COUR I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE INDIGNITY OF HAVING THE PIPES REMOVED. NOW I DO N THE MERE CLOSING OF THE SLUICES UNTIL THE EX. ENG. CAN DECIDE AS TO THEIR BEING NECES ING WHICH NO STEPS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS YET-, BUT TO HAVE MY ACTION UPSET IN T MANNER BEFORE THE WHOLE TALOOK, CANNOT DO ANY GOOD. WHATEVER I DO IS, OF COURSE, SUPPOS AN OFFICIAL NATURE, AS, INDEED, MY ACTION ABOUT THE SLUICES WAS, TO THE GREATER EXTENT; AN BE THOUGT, AS YOU SUGGEST, THAT THE " EXAMPLE " WILL BE A BAD ONE. WHAT WILL BE BAD IS, THAT OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS FIGHTING EACH OTHER. YOUR SUPPOSITION THAT I ACTED INTENTIONALLY IN DIS REGARD OF MR KURVE'S FEELINGS, BECAUSE HE IS A NATIVE, IS UTTERLY WRONG; BUT IT NOW APPEARS TH THERE IS SOME DANGER OF OPPRESSIVE ACTION ON HIS PART. I UNDERSTOOD FROM YOUR LETTER TO THE ECT THAT "THERE MUST NOW BE AN END OF THE MATTER, IF THE EX. ENG REPORTED THE SLUICES TO BE NES THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE FURTHER INTERFERED WITH, EXCEPT TO BE CLOSED, POSSIBLY; BUT IF THE SUB

OFFICER HAD ACTED UP FULLY TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHIN HIS ORDERS TO TAKE UP THE PIPES. UP TO THIS TIME, THIS HAS NEVER BEEN COUNTERMANDED, BUT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS NOT D I REQUEST YOU WILL NOW SEND SPECIFIC ORDERS TO THIS EFFECT. YOU CAN, PERHAPS, SCARCELY UNDERSTAND MY POSITION IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE INDIGNITY THIS UPSETTING OF MY ACTION WOULD B TO ME. I REALLY NEVER THOUGHT ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT THE MATTER IN TAKING THE SLUICES. SINCE 187 WHEN KHEDDAHS WERE FIRST BEGUN, THERE WAS OCCASION ON OFTEN TO STOP THE CHANNEL, AND OTHERWISE DEAL WITH IT, AT THE MOMENT; AND WHILST GATHERER AND OTHERS WERE IN CHARGE, THERE WAS NEVER A WORD . I MERELY MENTION THIS TO SHOW THAT I HAD NOT BEEN IN THE HABIT OF THINKING ABOUT I AM GLAD THAT THERE IS MORE INTEREST TAKEN IN IT NOW, THROUGH ITS LEGITIMATE DEP THE COMMON CUSTOM MAY BE SOME EXCUSE FOR ME.

I HAVE EXPRESSED MY REGRET AT WHAT HAS OCCURED, AND I CANNOT DO MORE, THINK YOU WILL NOW WISH THE MATTER TO BE PURSUED TO MY DISADVANTAGE.

YOURS SINCERELY,

G Lauder

(8) Kheddah Superintendent's Office,
Mysore,
Camp Hooley,
dated 26th August/90.

No: 126 Ex/1.

From

The Superintendent of Kheddahs,
Mysore.

To

The Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government,
Bangalore

Section 29 K.A.K.
File No 61-90.
Serial No 3

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter no: 3879 of 21st inst, regarding the sluices opened by me in the Honglewaddy Channel, and also of your Demi-official of same date. In reply, I beg to assure you that your assumption that I acted in disregard of the Executive Engineer's feelings because he is a Native, and that I imagine that things can be done differently in Mysore than elsewhere, because it is a Native State is an

entirely mistaken one. I may claim I think to be popular with natives, and I never willingly disregard their feelings, and I can certainly say that I would not act in any matter regarding a native differently to what I would were a European in his place. I therefore hope you will dismiss this idea entirely from your mind. As my action has however given rise to it I beg you will accept my apologies for what I did with my assurance that irregular though my action was, it was at least not intended as a high-handed proceeding. I am writing to day to the Executive Engineer direct in the above spirit.

2. I trust that this acknowledgment on my part will now make an end of this unpleasant matter. As I

Copy of letter No: 119 dated 22nd August/20
from the Superintendent of Kheddahs,
Mysore, to the Chief Secretary to the
Govt of Mysore.

I have the honor to inform you
that I have just learnt today, from
Executive Engineer, Mysore Division's memo
No: 880 of 16/20 Instant - that a mallet of
hirji having opened 4 sluices in the
Hongleswamy Channel has been referred
for the orders of Govt by the Chief Engineer
and as I have had but an inadequate
opportunity of explaining my action
I hope this may reach you before the
case is disposed of.

2. The sluices were opened as much in
the interests of the Kheddah Department
as my own, as when the 30 or 40 acres of

plantains are in keeping, in a year or two the matured stems will almost entirely support the Koonkie elephants kept here, and it was largely with this view that the plantains were planted. The term "breaching" the Channel used by the Executive Engineer hardly applies to the careful cutting of a gap one foot wide through it to lay the pipes, and the immediate and careful filling in of the same. The Chief Engineer's reference to my action as "wanton" subversion of Channel rules (before, moreover, any explanation from me had been received) appears to me rather uncalled for. It was only the exigencies of the short time that intervened till the river would rise, when there would be danger in cutting the bund that made me excavate the

sluices

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MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 4080

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Section L. R
File No 61-90
Serial No 21

To Exc. Engineer, Hyderabad.

Dated — 2 — 9 — 90

Despatched

Enclosure No.

Subject.

With reference to this office No 3737 of 14th ultimo. & in continuation of No 3880 of 20th idem requesting the Exc. Engineer to suspend action in regards the removal of the pipes until further orders are issued.

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MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

TO THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

File No. for Information. 5

Serial No.

As the Superintendent of Chickballapur has addressed the Chief Secty a letter, No 109 of 22d August, on the subject of certain irregularities committed by him in connection with an irrigation channel, I am obliged to lay the correspondence before you for perusal. I may observe, should not Mr Sanderson, I may observe, have addressed the Chief Secty. Such matters should have been referred to Govt through my office. In the case of a controversy with one Dept of Govt, to an officer to address the Head of another Dept to explain matters, instead of the usual procedure, simply complicates the issue & is, in many ways, objectionable.

The correspondence speaks for itself. Mr Sanderson took upon himself to breach - Govt channel without authority, & he is duly to blame for what followed. I take it that he meant no harm, no violation of rules, & as he apologises I do not wish to go further than to lay the papers before you for information.

When will now be an end of the matter, if the apology, & Mr Sanderson's letter to Chief Secty can simply be forwarded to me for disposal.

C. Chamier Lt Col
Secy P. W. D.

2-9-90.

(11) 321

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Bangalore
3 Sept/90

Section L.R
File No 61-90
Serial No 6

My dear Sir,

I return herewith the correspondence you sent me relating to the unauthorized breaking of a channel by Mr Sanderson the Khedival Agent.

I send you also the letter which Mr Sanderson has addressed the Chief Secy and the reply sent to him

But for the expression of regret and apology offered by Mr Sanderson His Highness feels would have been asked to

take very severe notice of Mr
Sanderson's conduct —

Remain

Yours Sincerely

B. F. Thomson Chitty

To

Edward C. Hawes

Esq

Leeward

C.26

For approval

3/9/90

approved

4/9/90

To Kerry Mann

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REG'D. NO. 2782
22 JUL. 9-1
MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

(13) 2/10/90

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My dear Mr. Annadanam,

I send you herewith the file connected with the working of channel by Mr. Sanderson.

Kindly let me know your views with the proposals that are in force for the Cauvery Delta.

Yours sincerely,
C. Canon

Section L.R
File No 61-90
Serial No 7

C.E.

No. 3887
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Executive Engineer's office
Mysore Division
Dated Mysore 6th November 90

From

The Executive Engineer
Mysore Division

To

The Chief Engineer
of Mysore.

Your No. 3880 of the 20th August last, forwarding copy of your No. 3879 of the same date addressed to Mr. Saunderson Superintendent of Keddas in the matter of his taking water of the Hongalwadi Channel for his plantations

Sir

Referring to the closing part of No. 3879 quoted above, I have the honor to forward herewith extract of No. 2 Subdivisional Officers No. 406 of the 29th September last on the subject, and to state that I approve of what he states therein viz:—

Viz. That water can be supplied only twice a month during the rainy season and only once in the hot weather and that

for

loss of the river does not run dry. 2nd ly. That Mr. Sanderson's men should not interfere with any of the sluices.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant,

J. Haine
Executive Engineer
Mysore Division

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Mr Sanderson argues that water may be given to him considering his lands to be garden lands. So this argument there is no dispute except that he will have to pay water cess. But the question is whether the river is a perennial one - Since it is not so the supply to lands in the course of the channel directly - commanded by it cannot be ensured. It was further explained to him that granting the argument he can be given water only periodically and not con- -tinually. He agrees to this arrangement and adds that he does not want much water during rainy seasons - If - water is given to him periodically - during dry seasons, he says, he will be quite satisfied. In this event, if Mr Sanderson will not insist upon watering his lands, first, thus render- -ing the supply to his tanks below and the lands in the course of the channel already based out, precarious; I see no objection to give him water periodically on this condition; of course not when the Channel is under repairs -

He has opened out four sluices - (4" pipes) to water his Estate which I roughly estimate at 30 acres. No doubt

the number is large comparatively to the extent of land to be commanded. The lie of the country is such as to necessitate at least three sluices unless some money is spent to convey water on earthen dams; when the number can be cut down. In the event of Mr Sanderson's agreeing to above proposals i.e. to water his lands periodically, at least, say twice in a month in rainy seasons and once in a month in dry season, and that, only when a supply is available and not otherwise, I do not see any objection to leave the four sluices opened by him as they are. But to prevent frequent misunderstandings and collision of his men with the Servants of this Department, it must be distinctly laid out that his men are not to open the sluices on any account, whenever water is wanted. If the above proposals meet with your approbation, definite instructions will be given to Sub overseer in charge of the Channel to supply him water promptly — subject to above conditions.

I beg to remain &c.

"signed"

P.C. Mangalwedha

Overseer in charge

"Extract"

now Sub-division

J.P. Maclean

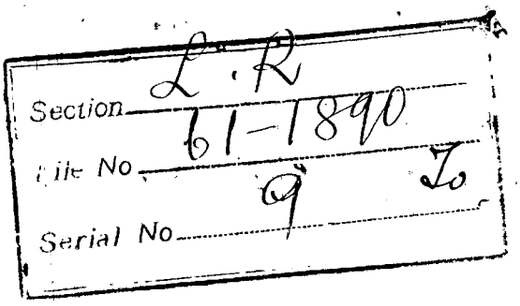
executive Engineer

KWS

(15) Kheddah Supdt's Office
Camp.
19th/20th January 1891

No: 233.

From, The Superintendent of Kheddahs
Mysore.



To, The Chief Engineer,
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your memo no 5276/67 of
21st November 1890, forwarding Copy
of Executive Engineer, Mysore's,
letter no 3889/45-7 of 6th Idem about
sluices to the experimental Coffee
and fodder land taken up by me
also in the interests of Government
at the head of the Honglewaddy
channel and suggesting that the

arrangement therein proposed for water namely, a supply at least once in a month in the hot weather, and twice a month in the rains, be considered accepted;

2. I beg to say that I shall be satisfied with this arrangement, except that during the hot weather more water will be needed, and that as long as there is any in the river and which is not required for tank filling, it be allowed freely to the land in question. The land begins at 1 mile from the head sluice, and extends a couple of miles. The repairs of these three miles

2 take most of the month to cover the land. But I would like this to be clearly understood, namely that after the repairs of the head portion of the Channel, anything that can be got out of the river in the hot months, the same not being of a quantity that can be got to the Ramasamoodrum tanks, be allowed freely to the land referred to.

4. The taking up of this land at the head of the Channel by me is regarded with great satisfaction by the ryots, as they know that it will be the means of their interests in the Channel not being overlooked. Last season, for

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for instance, the Channel was on the point of being closed for the repair season, when I saw that the large Ramasamoodrum Tanks were but half filled, though there was still enough water in the river to reach the tank. I had the closing of the Channel delayed, and in two days three hundred men from the large village of Ramasamoodrum cleared the silt deposits at the head sluice, and in ten days the tanks were quite full, to the great benefit of the whole Countryside. The Ryots did this willingly, for nothing.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant
G Sanderson
Superintendent of Kheddah
Kupre.

No: 397/61 Exec.

Executive Engineer's Office
(16)
Mysore Division.
Dated Trench Rocks, 4th Feby: 9

To

The Chief Engineer
of Mysore P. W. D.

Sir,

Your memo No: 289 giving cover to the Kheda Superintendent's No: 233 of the 20th January; also Mr Sanderson's No: 238 of the 28th January to the Executive Engineer Mysore Division.

In reply to the above, I have the honor to forward my note on the subject together with a copy of No II Sub Division Officer's report of the 29th September 190 and copies of recent correspondence with the Kheda Superintendent regarding additional sluices.

As the demands made by Head Office from time to time in this connection are at variance with standing orders regarding Channel Conservancy, and his action in cutting

cutting the bank for fixing sluice and
bridges
making roadways "Extra vires," I would
respectfully suggest that Government
be moved to restrain that gentleman's
actions and pass some ruling as to
the extent to which the Hongalwady Channel
may be diverted for the purpose of opening
out fodder and Coffee lands.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

V. V. Thomi
Offg: Executive Engineer
Mysore Division.

No. 406
Con. 3

No: 11 Sub Division Office
Ranjangude
29th September/90.

To

The Executive Engineer
Mysore Division P.W.D
Mysore

Sir,

Adverting to your memoranda Nos 923, 965 and 1035 dated 25/28.8.90, 5.9.90 and 22/24.9.90 respectively, calling on me to report as to whether a supply of water can be afforded to Mr. Sanderson's plantations without detriment to the present irrigation under the Channel as well as under the tank fed by it, I beg to state that in the event of supplying water to extensive lands situate quite at the head of the Channel, the supply to Rameasamudram tanks, 3 in number, to which this Channel is the only main feeder, cannot be ensured, the river feeding this being not perennial. Besides, there are other lands commanded directly by this Channel in its course, and it could not stand to reason to cut off or to render the supply to these lands precarious, simply because new lands are brought under cultivation at the head of the Channel.

Mr. Sanderson has planted plan-
-tations in his estate and I understood him
to say that he would eventually plant
Coffee in it and take up more lands. Although
I had not received the letters under reply
when I inspected Hongalwady Channel to
take necessary sketches &c., yet as Mr.
Sanderson had forwarded to me the Copy
of Chief Engineer's No: 3879 dated 21·8·90,
I had a conversation with Mr. Sanderson
on the subject before I left the place
and explained to him that it is not customary
to allow any water to Coffee lands from
Government Channels as they are assessed
at low rates under different considerations.
I also explained to him that distributing
water at the head of this Channel means
cutting off the supply to Ramasamudram
tanks and other lands solely dependent
upon it. It was also pointed out to him
that consequent upon his setting the
example there will be many applications
received for lands adjacent to his estate,
in fact for all lands in the first four miles
for wet cultivation, if not for Coffee,
and if one is allowed to draw water from
the Channel, the same privilege will have
to

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I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Sd/ P. C. Bhungalvarai Naidoo

Head Sub divisional Office,

"True extract

O. Thorn

Offg: Executive Engineer

Mepone Division.

No 396/45 57

Executive Engineer's office
Mysore Division
Camp French Rocks. 3rd February/91

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To.

The Superintendent of
Keddahs, Mysore

Sir

Your No. 238 of 28th January 1891 asking for two small sluices for the purpose of irrigating some 8 acres more of land for raising coffee & grass.

—"—

With reference to the above I have the honor to inform you that the records of this office clearly shew that, as a special arrangement, you have already been allowed the use of four pipes (on certain conditions) for irrigating your experimental plantations.

It is also on record that supplying water to the said plantations will render precarious the fixed supply to certain tanks & fields fed by the channel in question.

Such being the case, I regret I do not see my way to accede

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REG'D. NO. 658
7 - FEB. 91
MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

No. 241-55/10-2/91 from the Executive Engineer, Mysore Dn.

To Your request of supplying two additional "small sluices".

I have therefore laid the whole matter before the Chief Engineer, and until his decision is known I would deprecate your taking any further action in the matter, or in any way interfering with the present regime of the channel.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

Sd/ C.V. Nanjundiah
Executive Engineer
Mysore Dn.

To The Supdt. "Copy"
T. Kheddahs

No: 434-55/10-2/91 C.V. Nanjundiah

Offg: Executive Engineer
Mysore Division.

In reply to his letter No: 233 of the 19th ultimo; has the honor to inform Mr. Sanderson that the arrangements previously ordered should hold good. Conditions such as obtain in further ells for would appeal the usual system of concurrency & would warrant similar demands in all other channels.

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9/2
Chief Engr.

No: 435

Copy to E.E. Mysore Dn. for information with ref. to his No: 397 D 4th inst.

allow them as a tentative measure, without prejudice to the question of granting them permanently; for at this season they only take water not required anywhere else, and which is running uselessly to waste down the river.

4 The plantation Overseer represents that the plantation is denying for want of water. so. I shall be obliged if you will issue orders for the sluices at your early convenience. Also as regards my having water during the hot weather as applied for in my letter No 233 of 19 Ultimo

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
C Saunderson
Superintendent of the Woods,
Mysore.

Rep. No. 254 of 21/2/91
Rep. No. 255 of 21/2/91
Rep. No. 257 of 21/2/91
Rep. No. 258 of 21/2/91

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File No. 12/2

Recommended by [illegible]

Please see this file No. 10 ante; & Mr. Sanderson's

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No. 52-1-2 of 14/2/91

To Supt of Kadaba

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 241 of 10th inst, I have the honor to enquire what is the extent of the extra land you have now taken up for plantains & fodder plantations (from previous correspondence I understood it was all coffee plantations). Also whether these plantains are on private property & if so what arrangement has been fixed. From your previous letter it might be inferred that the works being "in the interests of Govt" the plantations are Govt property & hence no arrangement as to water rate, but this matter is far from clear.

I understand that originally you asked for 4 sluices which were conceded. Now you ask for 2 more. Then letter was made for 7 sluices for the "extra lands" taken up since & plantain cultivation to the channel depends on whether further claims could be given in rub. Specific demand action & subsequent demands on the channel entailed X thereby seem to me altogether out of the course of the usual procedure.

I do not agree with you that the reasons addressed by the Govt Engineer is altogether untrue & unreasonable: on the contrary the supply to the Rummanmadam tanks & to the old lands drawing cultivation from the channel, must be safeguarded as far as precautions, must be adopted even at loss by the optimum of cultivation below the upper miles.

I have no objection to your undertaking the silt clearing after the channel is closed for repairs, & once this till is closed for the whole length water can be allowed down whenever there is water in the river. To this favor the right bank lands have as much right as you, in fact they have a prior right, if it is not as low as theirs lands. The channel evidently must be the judges of this & whether water can be given to Govt lands or not must remain in their hands. So far I can see my way to no further concession. —

12-2-91

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REG'D. NO. 1/64
12 FEB. 91
MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

X 5. I observed you have stated that last season, when the channel was about to be closed for repairs, the Rummanmadam tanks were not half-filled. Had not you working the channel previously something to say to this? So much water as all could not get down to the tanks, which would have got there. —

6. I would also ask whether you have informed the Rev. Aspet of your taking up new lands (Coffee, plantains, fodder) & whether they have commenced irrigation, & whether they have commenced.

Rep. No. 840 of 11.3.91

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No. Mysore Dt.

Copy to the Executive Engineer for information & necessary action. With reference to the extent of lands irrigated by the channel, & speaking directly irrigated lands have been taken above the Rummanmadam tanks.

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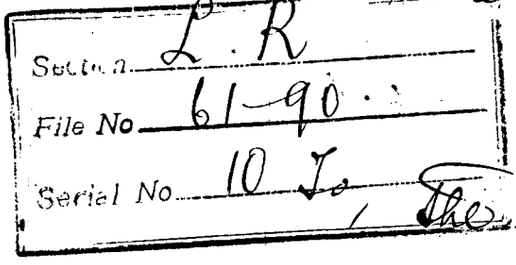
No 3 (18)

Kheddah Supdt's Office,
Camp,
22nd February 1891.

No: 259.

From The Superintendent of Kheddahs,
Mysore.



To, The Chief Engineer in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 521 of 14th Inst, and in reply to furnish the following information regarding the land granted to me under the Honglevaddy Channel.

2- In March 1890 I represented to the Dewan that I contemplated settling permanently in Mysore, and as I was desirous of identifying myself with the country, and especially with the interests of the people about Hosley, near Channarajnagar, where I have spent

many years, and where the Kheddah will present arrangements maintaining, he worked for some years to come; I requested that a piece of land, extent unknown, being dense thickets, but probably 150 – 200 acres, – might be granted to me, particularly with a view to enable me to employ in the non-lumbering months, (and at all times the women and children of the villages of elephant-shikarries, whose good services the Dewan was most anxious to reward in appropriate ways. I represented that I would clear the land, which was then covered with impenetrable thickets, and if it were found suitable for coffee, special kinds of cotton: or other experimental products; I would undertake its cultivation. The piece of jungle is known as "Kunnadee Hullah" – a

monsoon left them unemployed and badly off

5. It is estimated that these plantain will, for four years, produce 20,000 bunches annually, and the importance of this to the neighbourhood can be imagined. Contractors from Collegal, 25 miles away, are already applying for the produce, and this shows that those on the spot may make a good thing of the trade. But a special point in the plantation is that the mature stems will furnish a very large amount of fodder to the Kheddah elephants at present, for the maintenance of which 50 acres of land further down the Channel are specially cultivated with cholum, and grasses, but which is quite insufficient for

In this important particular Govern-
-ment has a great interest in the
plantation, apart from its economic
aspect.

6. I have now spent upwards of Rs
10000/ upon this ground - all spent in
the few villages round. The whole of
the grant has been cleared during the
past Cold weather, and on deciding
what to do with the remainder,
I will apply for some more sluices
or not, as required. The terms upon
which I am to hold the land have
not been settled, but I will have
this concluded expeditiously. Mean-
while to prevent further difficulty
I will not open more of the land till
that point is settled, nor require more
water.

7: The two Sluices I asked for in my letter No 241 of 10th instant are for irrigating some 7 or 8 acres of land which were planted out with plantains subsequent to the grant to me of the first 4 sluices. The plantains on this ground are represented by me, withering every day for want of water, and I think you may well grant my request for two Sluices to prevent their dying, without prejudice to the whole question, as if any delay occurs the plantains will be lost. As I explained in my letter to the Executive Engineer (No 238 of 20th ultimo, and which was referred by him to you), the lay of the land renders two Sluices necessary

8. The confusion that has occurred in calling the plantation one of "coffee" "plantains" and "Fodder" arises from plantains having been put down already, though Coffee is intended to go under them this monsoon, and 60000 Coffee plants are in the nurseries for the purpose. The point regarding fodder I have already explained.

9. The question of a sufficiency of water is a very simple ... The talk of the "precariousness" of the supply to the Ramasamoodrum tanks has no better foundation than the ignorance of a subordinate who lived in Kumpugod and never in my knowledge visited the channel till the question of my

the sirkt at the headsluice from time
to time, as they have no one to encourage
them to do so. The Channel is of sufficient
capacity to fill the tanks in ten days
if it be kept in even fair order, and the
amount of cultivation under its
command the water from which
gains to waste instead of into the
tanks is very small. Much of the
cultivation under the Channel is in
the bed of the Ramasamudrum tank
and its waste water is not lost.

10- The case of my land is very
the first 1/4 mile of Channel runs
through rocky cutting, and the land
can never be irrigated. My land
then continues for 1 3/4 miles; after
which in the next 6 miles (to the tank)

there is but little wet cultivation here 14/
and there, and no likelihood of its being
extended. In the case of my land,
during the rains sluice water may
not be required at all: whereas during
the dry months, (from February to
July in Chamrajnaller which is
particularly backward in its S. W.
monsoon) when there is but a driblet
of water in the river which will not
reach more than three miles often
less, down the channel, and which
never be required by anyone
but myself in the whole Channel
even if it served it, as at that time
there are no crops; this water can
be turned to valuable account
in keeping coffee, and plantains,
or cotton, which only want dampness

land-holders are pleased at having some one to take an interest in and who will subbort them rights to the Channel. The unfortunate unpleasantness that arose through my taking four Sluices in July last in anticipation of sanction, will I trust be forgotten. I made all the amends I could, and this was accepted. But you do not appear to have forgotten it, for you refer in your letter under reply to my having "breached" the Channel as a possible cause of the scarcity of water in the tanks, which I referred to as having been remedied by my getting the ryots to clear the Channel by free labor.

This scarcity occured at the end 18/
of 1889, whilst the so called "breaching"
of the Channel was in July 1890.
The terms "non used at the time
"wanton" breaching" of the Channel
were applied to the careful insertion,
when the Channel was dry, of iron
pipe sluices of 4" diameter, which
was undertaken, in anticipation
to save all danger of culling the
bund subsequently. I trust in future
that there may be no feeling of
antagonistic interests between the
Channel authorities and myself; we
are all working in the interests of
Government.

13. Orders at your early convenience
to grant me the ~~2~~ two 3" or 4" pipe sluices, as
requested, will oblige, and save a

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(General Serial No. 30).

SECRETARIAT REG'D. NO. 1352 13 MAR. 91 MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

From 189

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE 12 MAR 91 MYSORE DIVISION

To The Chief Engineer of Mysore D.O.M.

Section L.R
File No 61-90
Serial No 11

Dated 12th March 1891

Despatched 12 M —

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 840
No. 114

Asso: 522 of 14th allotment para II regarding to Revised details of the extent of lands irrigated by Hongalwadi Channel separating directly irrigated lands from that below the Kaveri drainage tank.

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Referring to the above subject the Revised details are as follows:—

(1) Extent of lands directly irrigated by Hongalwadi channel excluding that belonging to Mr. Sanders acres 444.

(2) Mr. Sanderson's land above acres 50

(3) Extent below Kaveri Sanderson tank is 1346 acres excluding items 1 & 2.

O.K.S. Exec Engr Mysore Dn

H.B

8½/ four 5" sluices are now required; and as I understand you are going on leave shortly, and as I also contemplate doing so, I shall be much obliged if you will grant these sluices on the same provisional terms under which the last two were allowed. I intend planting plantains only in the whole of the ground for which these sluices are required, and, as you are aware, very little water is required for these. It may seem a large matter to grant a total of 10 sluices, but as explained before, these will rarely, perhaps never, be opened in the rains, being chiefly required when the water is useless to anyone else.

4 — The whole of the ground now taken up was, up to about 90 years ago, garden land. The clearance of the

dense sheegay - Kai thickets
which had for years en-
veloped it now reveals the
marks of former plantain
beds, cocoanut, mulberry
and other cultivation; and the
channels of the four sluices
which then fed the land,
and which are again re-
quired, are still traceable.
My enterprise is, therefore,
a mere revival; and as
the Hayleyaddy channel
was at that time evidently
capable of sustaining cul-
tivation throughout its whole
length (after the 1st mile),
as well as of feeding tanks
which in those days were
more capacious than at
present; it would be a
slur if at the present time
its former efficiency could
not be regained. The whole
of this corner of the Chauray
Jugger Talook displays
evidences of former, and
not very remote, prosperity

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26/ European Channel Superintendent, rifle in hand and actually looking for dangerous game, avoided it

5 — A favorable reply at your early convenience will oblige.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

C. P. Sanderson

Superintendent of Kkeddah

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From

The Superintendent
Kheddah
in Mysore

To The Chief Engineer
of Mysore -

Dated 13 March 91

No. 271

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REG'D. NO. 136
16 MAR. 91
MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
REG'D. No. 204
DATED 10-4-91
MYSORE DIVISION

Subject

Furnishes further information regarding the extent of his land requirement of plus under Hongleway Channel. -

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Kheddah Subdiv: Mrc
Mysore,
Camp Hunsur,
13th March 1871.

no: 269

From, The Superintendent of Kheddahs,
Mysore.

To, The Chief Engineer,
in Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your letter no: 790 of 2nd
instant and to thank you for the
provisional grant of the two sluices
requested by me. I propose, however,
to put in 4" pipes, instead of 3", not to
obtain more water, but to obtain it
more quickly: for when there is but
a dribblet going down the channel
in the hot weather, without any head,
or a sudden, but short, rubbly. it is
desirable to turn it as quickly as

as possible in any direction. Unless I hear to the Contrary from you, I will conclude you will sanction this arrangement.

2. At the present time there is not sufficient water in the river to enter the Channel, at least in its choked state: and even when the head portion is cleared, it is doubtful if the supply would reach the plantation. This received a flush up to 18th February, but since, none has been available. From 4½ feet to 1 foot of silt require to be removed in the first ½ mile of the Channel, which I am having done. I am procuring a level for the purpose, and the Sub-Overseer will make over to my headman the precise amount of the work, up to the provision in his estimate, and the surplus work

The head sluice should have mechanic
shutters, especially in its remote
situation; though now that the
plantation cooly lines are only a
mile away, the old state of matters
is altered, and my men would alway
be at hand to give assistance. The
head-sluice-beat Sowdee at present
is a Sholiga, living in the jungle on th
opposite side of the river, which there
is no means of crossing for thirty
miles during floods; I have known i
to be impassable for a fortnight. Thu
just when he may be required he is
unable to get across. The plantation
lines are close at hand, and are the
only place within 4 miles where a
Sowdee can live. I can give accom-moda
-tion for a man if desired, and he
could always get extra assistance

if needed. The head-Sluice Sowdee 95
should, in my opinion, be stationed
there in future.

5. One hundred yards down the
Channel is a waste-weir, which is the
only protective work in its whole
course. In old days when large
villages existed near its head, men
were available for turning the weir,
and it thus formed a safety-valve
especially useful for preventing silt
getting down the Channel. But the
whole neighbourhood was depopulated and
abandoned during the depredations
of Marauders in Hyder ali and
Tippoo Sultan's time, and there are
now no inhabitants nearer than
the first open-country village, 4 miles
away. Consequently the working of
the waster weir on the old plan gave

by some one less honest but apparently more capable. The only possible way of meeting the difficulty is by false measurements, and these maintain throughout the Channel. If the Executive Engineer will take a seat under one of the shady banian trees on the mountain-ous bank of sand near the head-sluice; wait for the arrival from Chamrajnalla (8 miles away, where the labor is chiefly drawn) at 9 a.m. of the coolies, and take the utmost amount of work out of them till 4 P.m. when they start home again. he will find that 3 annas a cubic yard is the lowest rate that a hefty Contractor, who would be content with a gain of even 8 annas per diem for himself, (as he is only a head cooly), could take the work for, if correctly measured. The late

Sub Divisional Officer M.K.Ry
Chengalaraya Naidu, was only, as far
as I can learn, once on the Channel
during his incumbency, (except on the
occasions when he came to see about
my sluices); and then he merely inspected the Head Sluice and first
half mile. The Amildar who accompanied him, and the Sowdees, gave me
this information. The Executive Engineer's
time is fully occupied in matters
of more prominent importance, and
so I believe one Casual inspection
from that Officer is all the Channel
has received for several years. It is
well enough at a distance of 50 miles
to settle rates for earth-work in
localities of the conditions of which
nothing is known; but the lands
which depend on the due maintenance

might certainly have been fairly well filled for the hot weather. The old plan of managing such Channels was far better adapted to their requirements, it appears to me as a land-holder, than the present. A breach of a Channel rule is enough to convulse the Official Staff, from the Sub Overseer, to Bangalore, and even to Government; be reported to lent the stultification of the whole object of the Channel, to keep important tanks full: the drying sugar cane crops in the hot weather; and the widespread inconvenience to the villagers and their cattle; are matters of which nothing is heard! I would venture strongly to recommend the return of this Channel to the Amildars

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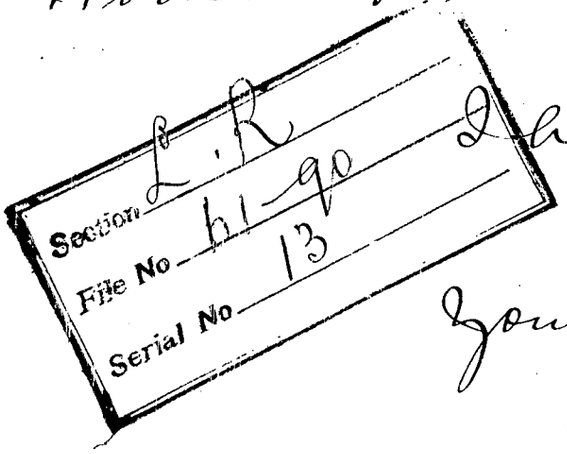
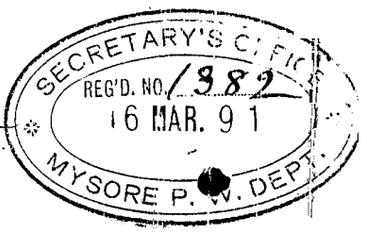
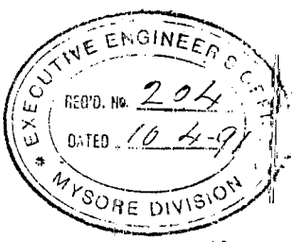
control, the protective works alone being supervised by the Public Works Department.







I have the honorable,
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt,

C V Sanderson
Superintendent of
Hlemdals, Mysore.

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Submitted to Secy
16/3

Forwarded to Mysore, with the call
in the report from Mr. Harris dated 1st
Inst. — CV
16/3

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Bangalore.

17/3/91.

Return the report & the papers to be called for.

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Mr. Harris
CV
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No: 23

Dated 20.3.91.

To

The Supervisor

Nos Sub Division

Respected Sir,

In continuation of my report No: of the 5th instant, I beg to inform that Mr. Sanderson Superintendent of Khoddas has cleared the jungle of about 100 acres of land more in the Hongalwady channel for cultivation purpose during this month.

I beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Of Venkatadassiah
Sub Overseer.

"Copy"

O.V. Nos

Offg: Executive Engineer
Mysore Division

(23)

1891-92.

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 1471

From Chief Engineer

The ~~Secretary to the Government~~

of Mysore.

Section L. R.
File No 61-90
Serial No 15

To The Executive Engineer
Mysore Division.

Bangalore 7th April 1891.

Dated

Despatched

Enclosure No.

Subject.

Exec: Engrs ~~No.~~ 1059/150 of the 1st instant, requesting to be furnished with a duly certified copy of Chief Engrs ~~No.~~ 790 dated 2nd March 1891 to the address of the Supt. Kheddas, Mysore, as the first intimation of this document has been received thro' Mr. Sanderson.

Forwards in original for perusal & return, this Office ~~No.~~ 790 dated 2nd March 1891 and Mr.

Sanderson's reply (Encs. 269 & 271 of the 13th inst.) thereto, ~~with the remark~~ to inform that the complete file will be sent subsequently to Mr. Karve, on his return from Privilege Leave, as his report on the subject is required.

Offg. Chief Engineer

III (25)

Kheddah Superintendent's Camp
Morlay
6th April 1891.

No. 2.

From,

The Superintendent of
Kheddahs, Mysore.

No. 496 of 11-4-91
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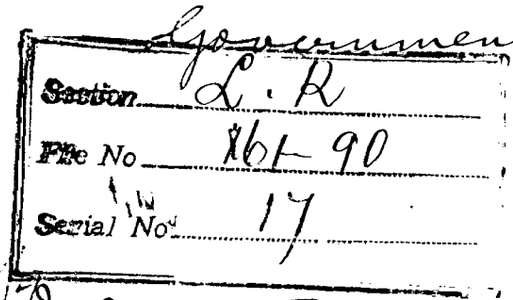
To, The Chief Secretary to
Government of Mysore.

Forwarded to the Secretary Dewan for favorable orders
11/4/91



File 15/4

I have the honor to request the permission of the Dewan to open four sluices in the Hongleswadry channel. These are to irrigate 70 acres of land, of the 150 the grant of which to me for experimental cultivation and for the benefit of the elephant hunters about Morlay, is under consideration.

File No 15/4
Keep Camp with Letter No. 1161 of 10/4 with 13 enclosures
In 15/4
Order for Sluices as Already Reported of in article file.
Transfer of the channel to Salak Officials for upkeep such leases for Dewan's Channel in this district.
Record

2. Last year about 50 acres were cleared, for which, after a good deal of demur, the Chief Engineer granted me 6 sluices. That officer's hesitation was caused, and very reasonably, by fear lest the pubbly of water to the Ramasamoodram tanks at the end of the Channel (nine miles long) might be affected. But I pointed out that my land, being garden, hardly required any water except in the hot months when the trickling stream in the river might at times be got down to the second or third mile, where my land is, but that it was not

and that it was not fair to judge
of its capabilities by its performances
in recent years when it was practically
neglected. I pointed out that neither
the Executive Engineer nor Sub Divisional
Officer had inspected it for years: =
that grand was committed annually
in the repair season by over measur-
-ing the work done; but that the
Sub-Overseer could scarcely be blamed
as Superior Officials arbitrarily fixed
the rate of 1½ as per cubic yard for
clearing in jungle, 6 to 8 miles from
the sources of labor, & where double
that rate was necessary.

I represented to the Chief Engineer
that

that a small remote irrigation work like this would be much better managed under the Amildar than under the Public Works Department. In fact at present, for 6 months annually, the distribution of water is managed by the Amildar. It requires no large engineering works, only silt clearing annually: and this the ryots interested would carry out willingly and would give good value for the Rs 500/- which is now annually spent on silt clearing, but much of which is embezzled. I make this latter State-ment without reservation, and am prepared to prove it fully: but even

the one fact that earth work is paid
to be executed at 1½ annas per cubic
yard in a remote jungle, must be
evidence enough to anyone who
understands earth work. The injury
of this to the ryots is, that whilst for
Rs500/- some 5,333 cubic yards of deposit
are supposed to be annually removed
from the bed of the Channel, half
that amount is not removed in
fact. I may claim to a better
knowledge of this Channel than any
other official. I had charge of it
22 years ago, I have been along its
full length hundreds of times; &
I have lived for many years within

1/4 of a mile of it. It is useless for the D.P.W Officials to shake offence at my plain speaking. I trust they will be obliged to an Official for bringing a failure in a remote place, to notice. What testimony could the Executive Engr. who has visited the Channel once, years ago, oppose to mine on this subject? Is it unlikely that subordinates left to themselves in jungle places may sacrifice Government's and the Ryots' interests to their own? I trust the subject of making over the Channel to Talook management may receive

Gen. Wilcox
Lieut Gov. Irwin
& Co
Sept 2 1870

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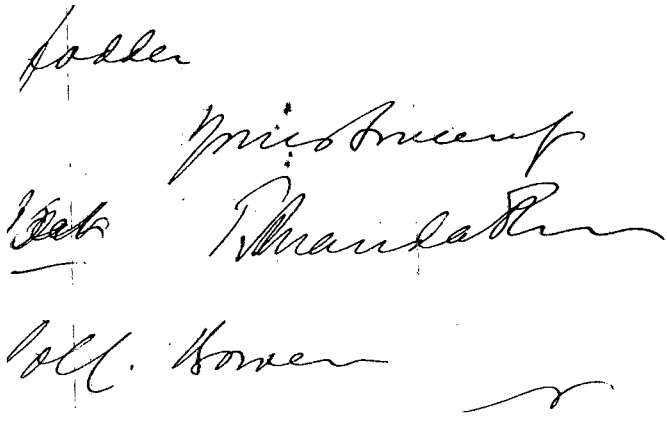
Kindly see the Atty
Olivers Note on accompg
plat - I shall feel obliged
by your Reading the Papers
therein alluded to - I doubt
however that the channel
would was cut for the
purpose of irrigating those
lands which Mr Sanderson
desires to take up for Cotton
My impression is that the
Water was taken for Elephant



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From

To The Chief Secretary
to the Govt of Bombay

Dated
Despatched Bangalore 7th April / 91

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1470
No.

ORDINARY

Has the honor to request
the Chief Secretary
will be good enough to
order the return of this
Office file, regarding the
supply of water to Lands
held by Mr G. P. Saunders.
to him, in compliance with
Letter ~~as per~~ his D.O letter
dated 1st Oct /90.

Off: Chief Engr

Section L.R
File No 61-90
Serial No 18

Remarks 4738 / 83 27/7/91 No. 1161 of 10/4/91 from Chief Engr
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No 1588

Ex. Ch. No. 1161 & 163 dated 16th inst. submitting for orders copies of correspondence between him & the Supdt of Kheddas regarding metalled & foot bridges across Kegalwadi channel.

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REG'D. NO. 1835
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From The Executive Engineer
Elayavardhan

Section 271 R To The Chief Engineer
File No 61-90 of Elayavardhan
Serial No 20
15/4/91

Informs that
Mr Jackson can be allowed
to construct 2 bridges for carts
& 4 foot bridges across the
Kegalwadi channel provided
that he & no way reduces
the full waterway required for
the channel discharge.
The substitution of 4" for
the 2-3" pipe drains is
also sanctioned under the under-
standing that water is only
taken twice a month from the
channel after the
demands of holders of land
lower down who have the
prior claim have been fully
met.

15/4

Dated 16 April 1891.

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1161
No. 163

Submitting for
favourable orders
copies of correspondence
between this office and
the Superintendent of
Kheddas regarding the
construction of 2 bridges
& 4 foot bridges across
the Kongalwadi Channel
in addition to those
already constructed.

No 1589.

Copy to the Supdt of Kheddas
for information with reference
to his letter dtd 21 of 12th instant.

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Executive Engineer's Office
Mysore Division.
Dated, Mysore, 9th April 1891

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To

The Chief Engineer
of Mysore P. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copies of recent correspondence between this office and the Superintendent of Kheddas for your kind perusal and orders.

Mr. Sanderson wishes to insert 4" in place of the 3" pipes for which he obtained sanction under certain condition he also wishes now to construct two bridges and four foot-bridges across the Hongawady channel in addition to those previously constructed.

As I believe the whole subject of the Khedda Superintendent's right to utilize the Hongalwady channel as he deems fit, has been laid before Govern-
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Government, I feel diffident to accede to his present requisitions, and therefore lay the matter before the Chief Engineer for orders.

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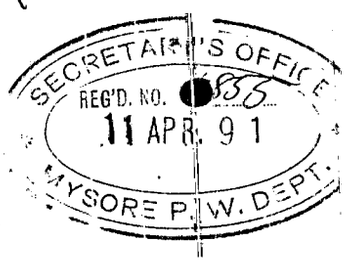

O. Thomas

Offg: Executive Engineer
Mysore Division

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Kheddah Superintendent's Office
Camp Morlay
7/8th April 1891.

No: 6.

From

The Superintendent of
Kheddahs Mysore.

To

The Executive Engineer
Mysore Division.

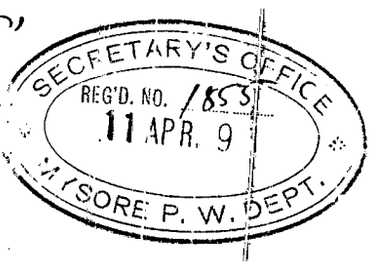
Sir,

I have the honor to request you will allow me to construct 2 bridges across the Hongalwady Channel, to carry a Govern-ment road across; and 4 small foot bridges, in connection with my land under the channel. The full water way, 15 feet, will not be reduced in any way. Old rails and cross planks will be used, and only in the case of 2 Government road bridges may it be found needful to put a post in the centre: even this is unlikely.

2. 2 Similar bridges were sanctioned in Your

Your No: 3567/463 of 7th October 1890, and 4/129
have been built.

3. As I leave for England very shortly, a reply at your early convenience will oblige.



I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed G. P. Sanderson
Superintendent of Kheddas
Mysore.

"Copy"

O. V. Mann
Offg: Executive Engineer
Mysore Division.

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Khiddah Superintendence,
Camp Malay
12th April 1891.

No. 21.

From,
The Superintendent of Khiddahs,
Mysore.

To,
The Assistant to the Chief
Engineer, in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that on the 7th instant, I requested the permission of the Officiating Executive Engineer, Mysore Division, to construct two small cart bridges, & 4 foot bridges, across the Hongewaddy Channel; the former to carry a Government road, which is being newly made by this Department to reach Fodder grounds; and the latter in connection with my plantation, in which also a

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Government is intended.

2. The Offg Executive Engineer informs me that he has referred the matter for the Chief Engineer's disposal, and as it is an immediate one, as I leave this place shortly for England, and wish to see the bridges begun, I request you will allow me to proceed with them. Two were recently approved by the Exec: Engineer, Mr. Kurné, and built, and had he been in Mysore, I do not think any difficulty would have been raised: but as I am going immediately I have no time to await his return.

3- My letter (no 6 of 7th Instant) to the Officiating Executive Engineer explains that the water-way of the Channel will not in any way be interfered with, and I cannot see any grounds upon which the bridges, as reasonable conveniences for those

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Kheddah Supdt's Office
Camp Mulay
13th April 1891
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No: 24 Sm
1.

From, The Superintendent of
Kheddahs, Mysore.

Section L.R
File No 61-90
Serial No 22

To, The Chief Secretary to
Government of Mysore

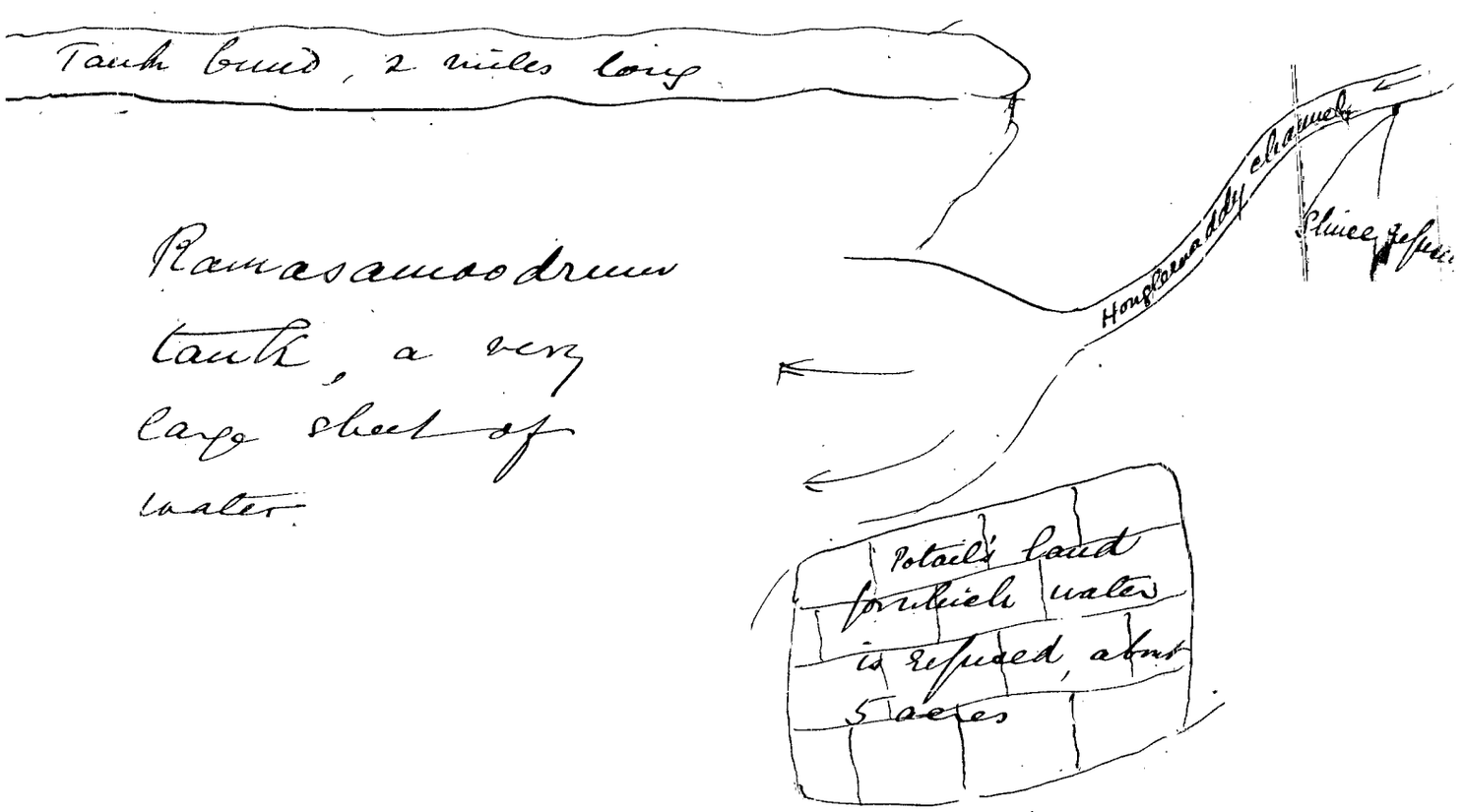
Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of Canarese order No: 11 of 11th instant from the Sub-Overseer of the Hongleswamy Channel, Chamrajnagar, to the address of Linga Shetty, Patail of Mulay, a man who has done signal service for the Kheddah Department and other Government interests since 1873, and as a reward for which nine acres of ground was granted him free for five years near Mulay, and a money present of Rs 200/-, in Government Proceedings No: 8946-9/121 of 14th February 1890.

question.

5. If anything were lacking to emphasize the want of consideration displayed in above order, it is to bee found in the fact that in this case the water falls into the tank which the Channel feeds, as the land is situated within its bed; so none is lost.

Sketch


Tank bund, 2 miles long
Ramasamoodrum tank, a very large sheet of water
Hongkong dty channel
Potail's land from which water is required, abt 5 acres

6. My ground for bringing this case to notice is that the Potail is an employee of the Kheddah Department.

by the P. W. Departt. that the Channel is incapable of filling its tanks, and of maintaining any increased area. This belief was originated by a Sub Divisional officer last year, who after being in nominal charge of the Channel for years had never been over it once till obliged to come about my ground. I pointed out strongly to the Chief Engineer when he sought to refuse water to my plantation on above grounds, that the pilfering of the money alloted for annual repairs, and the want of supervision over the Channel by those responsible for it, were the causes of any short water supply that might ever be felt, and not the inability of the Channel itself. I carried my point, but poor ryots who have not equal means of urging their Complaints have to submit to such decisions as the one now in

How & by what extent the Correspondence on this subject will show

Govt

2. He requested the reopening of an old sluice which formerly irrigated about 5 of the 9 acres of land given to him by Government, but which, when the land relapsed into jungle, fell into disuse. In reply, he is informed that the "improvement of the Channel is in contemplation, and until that is effected the Sluice cannot be opened."

3. This order emanates from a Sub divisional Officer in Ranjengode, who was never near the Channel in his life. The improvement of the Channel has not yet been planned even; and how many years ryots who have to wait for water upon such Chances would be deprived of the just use of their lands, maybe Considered. This is false

4. The refusal of this Sluice is probably based on the totally-mistaken idea held

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"Signed" Venkat Dasiah

4-91 Sub Overseer

True Copy "By order

M. Srinivasappa

Head Clerk

Kheddah Office

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Mysore D.
Secy: Govt Pro-Lands
& return

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MAN G. MYSORE

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Offg: Ch: Engr: P.
Mysore

From

The Superintendent of Police
Mysore

Bangalore
24th April 91

Report
Overseir
called for
30/4/91

To C. R.
Section 2.90
File No. 61
Serial No. 23

w.
Reg'd & return
27/5/91

Where was the delay send the
Cause please.

Dated 13th April 91

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 24
No.

Forwarding copy of cancan
note from the Sub Overseer
of the Stamford Bridge
to the address of Linga Nat
Patel of Bandag declining
to open the old sluice to irrigate
the Patels land.

No. 803 of 23-4-91
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Forwarded to the
Secretary P. W. D.
for disposal.

By order

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File No. 61-90
No. 24
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From The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore

To The Chief Engineer of Mysore

Dated 22nd July 1891.

Despatched 22nd

Received

Enclosures No. 1 file

General No. 4738
No. 83

His Nos 1470 and 2938 dated 7th April and 11th July 1891 respectively, requesting the return of the papers regarding the supply of water to lands held by Mrs. G. P. Saunders Son -

Has the honor to return the above as requested.

"By Order"

Under Secretary.

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AWS

Particulars obtained from journals — 1648

Memo

Mr Rama has been in Charge of Mysore Sub Dn from Jan 4/86 to May/91.
He has not inspected the Hongalwady Chl. -

Mr L. C. Krishna Rungar Overseer was in Charge of Mayangude Sub Dn from Jan 4/86 to June/87. = 1½ years.
He inspected the said Hongalwady Chl. twice, viz: in Jan 4/86 & in Feb/87.

Mr P. C. Changalvaroya Naidu Overseer was in Charge of Mayangude Sub Dn from July/87 to 14th Feb/91 = about 4 yrs.
He inspected the Channel twice viz: in Aug/88 & August/90.
He inspected & measured up works on 3 tanks fed by this Channel in Nov/87.

[illegible]

24.7.91

List of papers connected with the supply of the Sandersons Land with water from Nongalwary Channel

—o/—

1. File with Lr no 2670 q.6 aug 189 to Col. Bowers D.O. q 336 2.10.90 to the Asst a Re
do with Lr no 3889 q 457 6.11.90 from EE. allyne to Lr no 1211 q 169 13.4.91 from EE allyne.
1. Lr no 2 q.6 apl 91 from Mr Sandersn
1. Dft to Chsey no 1470 q.7.4.91.
1. do to do no 2938 q.11.7.91.
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~~1 Index of papers obtained from journals~~

1. File with Lr no 21 q. 12/4/91 from Mr Sandersn to no 1161 q 163 10/4/91 from EE allyne
1 Dft no 4738 q 83 22-7-91 from EE allyne
1 Dft q 18-3-91. to do do

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From The Executive Engineer.
Mysore Division.

To The Chief Engineer
of Mysore

Dated Camp Nagamangala
Despatched 28th September 1891.
Received

Enclosures No. 4.

General No. 3584
No. 459

Reporting on the ques of supplying water to the lands held by Mr Sanders and on other points referred to by that Officer in his several letters.

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File No 61-90
No 26

considered that the freshes in the stream last but for a short time. For these reasons the removal of the 2 sluices allowed as a tentative measure is also very desirable. I may state here that the area at present irrigated directly and indirectly from the channel is close upon 2000 acres.

3. Mr. Sanderson might plead that he has already spent a very large sum for clearing the lands of jungle and preparing them for cultivation and that he would be a great loser, if water was not supplied to him. It is to be regretted he did not make himself sure of water supply before laying out money on his lands.

Vide Mr. Sanderson's No: 24 of 13-4-91.

4. With regard to a sluice for the land of one Linganna Chetty, it has already been ordered by me to be given, after ascertaining from the Amildar that the man had agreed to pay the water-cess. It was for want of this information that Linganna Chetty's request could not be complied with as soon

soon as his application was received. 153

5. Mr. Sanderson suggests supplying "mechanical shutters" for the head sluice. This however cannot be done without constructing a pucka new sluice, which work together with the general improvement of the Channel has been in my view long since; but for want of time, and also because the work is not so urgent as others, a project for it has not as yet been got up. No. 269 of the 13th March 1891.

6. Mr. Sanderson further suggests that the Channel be transferred to the Revenue Department for up-keep, saying it would be better managed by the Amildar. He does not seem to know the wretched state of the minor channels managed by the Amildar in the Chamarajanagar Taluq. I may be wrong, but to me his object in making this suggestion appears to be to deal with the Channel as he might think best, as the Amildar would naturally be afraid to stand in his way. Para 8 of the above No.

7. I now turn to the serious charges incidently made by Mr. Sanderson in his

applications

Rates that the work done is nominal, as the rate allowed for silt-clearing is absurdly low, and that when he had the charge of the Channel, he had to give liberal measurements though his rate was higher! By liberal measurements I understand incorrect measurements. Mr. Sanderson is very liberal in his rates; as there is no one to scrutinize them; but one in the Public Works Department cannot afford to be so.

10. Mr. Sanderson has been permitted to build in all 8 bridges on the Channel. It is necessary to insist upon these being built "pucka", as the temporary ones are liable to come down and obstruct the Channel to the detriment of the irrigation under it

11. In conclusion I beg to submit in original Overseer Veerayalvarai Naidu's report dated 19.8.91, stating how often he inspected the Channel and how roughly Mr. Sanderson used to deal with it &c.

I submit also Supervisor (now Apprentice Engineer) Mr. Madhava Rao's report on the present condition of the channel. Mr. Madhava Rao took charge of the Sub Division only a few months ago and if the channel had been in a neglected state, he would have surely reported the same without any hesitation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

J. M. Narasu
Executive Engineer
Mysore Division

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No 404 of 1891

Enclosure one dy

From

To

I am directed to forward herewith a letter from the Superintending Engineer Circle calling for certain information regarding the Kongulwady Channel and to say that the Executive Engineer will please furnish the information called for as early as possible.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Executive Engineer

mdc 19/8

With reference to your No 2771/288 of 5th August 1891 directing to inspect Kongulwady Channel and furnish certain informations I beg to state that the Channel bank is in a fair order throughout with the exception of Sides of Sluices where it is narrower than the average Sections of the bund. The height of the bund over the full supply level of the Channel ranges from 2 to 3 ft generally. But much higher in many places and very low portions where it was scarcely 1½ feet in height has been raised in this season ~~Sections~~ so far as funds admitted reserving untouched portions for next year. Bushes and weeds have been cleared and so also the over hanging branches on the Channel bet Saundersons plantations. Road Crossing in deep cuttings, low thorny branches over hanging the

the path here and there and the fallen branches of trees in two places are obstructions over the bund but in other respects the Channel bund furnishes a good bridle path. The above obstructions have been ordered to be cleared out at once. 100

2. A statement showing the informations required in para 2 is Enclosed.

3. The free flow of the Channel is obstructed to a certain extent in a few places opposite to Cross drainage and also in all the bunds by the deposit of silt in the last floods. Further there are huge boulders and rocks in the bed and besides the head of the Channel to a distance of about half a mile is badly silted up from 2 to 3 feet in depth for want of a Scouring or Sand Sluice at proper level in one of the relieving weirs to prevent its accumulation. Out of the available supply a portion finds its vent into the river by a leak in the anicut but this bears a very Small proportion of the Channel Supply.

4. There are 6 of Mr. Sanderson's 4" iron pipes Sluices in 2¼ miles, two

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Statement showing depth & width of Monongahela Channel & channel maintenance value

Miles	Feet	Present depth of channel in feet	Full supply depth of channel in feet	Height of land above full supply	Remarks.
0	18	3/4	5	above 5	Full supply level
1	12	1 1/4	4 3/4	1 3/4	ascertained from
2	12	1 1/4	4 3/4	2 1/2	flood marks.
3	11	1 1/4	4 3/4	1 1/2	
4	13	3/4	4 1/4	above 5	
5	14	1 1/4	4	2 1/2	
6	13	1 1/2	4 1/4	above 5	
7	13	1 1/4	4 1/2	do	
8	13	1	4 1/2	do	

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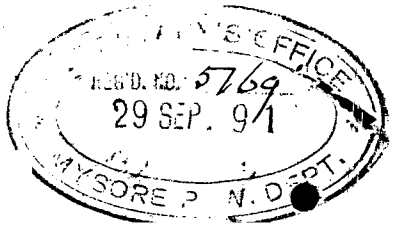
Channel Engineer

C. Madura Ron
Supervisor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DATED 28-8-91

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Camp Mayasandra
19th August 1891

To

The Executive Engineer,
Mysore Division.

Sir,

Adverting to your No 1490/200 dy 2/4-5-91, forwarding Mr Sandeson's letter to the address of the Revd: Secretary and other correspondance, and directing me to report as to how often I inspected Hongalwadee channel during my incumbency of Sanjaigud Sub Division, I beg to report that I am unable to say exactly how often I have been over the Channel, in absence of Records with me, but I can aver that my visits have been numerous.

2.- There is an allowance of 1000 Rupees given every year for maintaining the 10 miles of Hongalwadee Channel, which is in the heart of jungle, including the salaries of Conservancy Establishment. About 300 to 400 Rupees are spent in clearing silt, twice in a year, in the ten miles of the Channel, and about 200 to 300 Rupees in straightening and widening the Channel, bringing up the bund wherever it is low, repairing the Masonry works and attending to all sundry Repairs in the 10 miles. Generally the Channels are closed during January and clearing started during close of February or in early part of March, after the Channel dries. Clearing is done in March and April and

sometimes during May and June, again, when Moonsoon rains bring fresh sand. The sand cleared is thrown like a hill close to the Aniut and it ..... may be judged from that what quantity of sand and silt the Mullabarigo when clearing is made during only 2 or 3 months of a year, it does not require many inspections of a Sub Divisional officer, nor one can afford to inspect such works more than once during that period. The channels are again handed over to the Revenue Authorities in June. At the above rate I ought to have inspected only 3 times during my 3½ years stay in the Sub Division. On the contrary, I who had 4 Taluks, about 1000 square miles in area, with many important works to look after, managed to inspect this channel innumerable times. Almost Every time I took a trip from Haradanhally or Chamarajanagar to Attiulipoor, I used to inspect one or two miles of this channel, as also on my way to Kodmole from Haradanhally or vice versa. When I assumed charge of this channel the bund was densely clothed with jungle and thorny bushes, that it was inaccessible to inspecting officers - Besides, these Bushes were the lairs of tigers, and consequently nobody could venture to take horses on this channel bund. You are aware of all these but as you want me to explain I felt it necessary to give details. The present Executive Engineer of Tumkur Division having been once in charge of this channel would, I hope, be able to corroborate my statements, as to the condition in which the channel was. It is the bad condition

I was not in charge of this div. but my predecessor sent me once to inspect & report to Govt

of this channel and its bund that urged on me to visit it frequently. With a view to keep the channel Servants on alert, I used to make abrupt visits to this channel, once here and once there. Almost the whole of the clearing of jungle and Soapnut and other bushes, removing ant hills & cutting bamboos overhanging the channel, had to be carried out by Sowdies. Over this, they thought, was other than their legitimate work and I have often overheard them cursing me for the work I exacted from them and praying for my transfer. I insisted upon them to attend to these works as we could not spare any money from the annual allotment for these Items. When such was the case I cannot conceive how Mr. Sanderson says that I was never near the channel in my life. I remember that Mr. Sanderson only returned from Dacca in May or June 1889 to commence Khedda Operations, his previous inspection having been cursory. How he knew anything about my movements in my Subdivision, during 1887-88 & 89, when he was at Dacca to say that I was never near the channel in my life is what I cannot solve. Of course he could not have called to remembrance what letters he wrote to Inspector General of Forests and what orders Chief Engineer passed on them and how often I had to go over this channel to make the necessary Surveys for him, to enable my Superior officers to prepare the necessary designs, when his Assistant Mr. Mahabala Row was in charge of Khaddaworks, long before Mr. Sanderson finally came to the Province. But the Ex. Engrs orders and my Reports are all on Record. When he said that my Road (Nawjangûd-Hasanuddi) was in unobjectionable condition just when His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor of Wales was to visit Khadda

the present Assistant Chief Engineer who inspected the Road immediately did me justice. When there are so many things on Record I am sanguine that my Superiors would do me justice even now. Unfortunately, I have not got the Records with me to quote instances. Now the Channel may be inspected and its condition noted. The Channel is so much straightened and improved that water reaches its destination very soon, and the bund which was inaccessible to pedestrians, is so well brought up and repaired that in most parts it is drivable. In fact Mr. Sanderson takes his carts to his plantation over this bund. Mr. Sanderson himself told me that everything appeared new to him, and that on a previous occasion, about 10 or 15 years ago, he captured Elephants using the Channel itself as Khedda, breaching it wherever he wanted, and no D.P.W. Servant objected to it. He further added that repairs to the Channel were not carried out to this extent, there was jungle over the bund, bamboos, bamboo leaves and Kanal grass in abundance in the Channel, and he managed to entice the Elephants to the spot very soon; but as it has become plain now the Elephants do not approach the Channel. In a few minutes more he said the Suboverseer does not carry out any Repairs to the Channel, which I shall explain elsewhere.

3. The 1st objection Mr. Sanderson took as soon as he came to the Province was that the D.P.W. has cleared away the jungle over the Channel Bund and Kanal grass from the Channel, that the Elephants do not come to the Channel as used to do some years before, and told the Subovereer that no clearings should be made thereafter.

4. 170. Coming to his sluices question, he opened 3 or 4 sluices in the Channel to water his private plantations by cutting the Channel bund and inserting Cast Iron pipes at the lowest possible level. This was reported by the Sub-Overseer and the same was forwarded on by you. orders of the Chief Engineer to remove the unauthorized pipes and to make good the bund were sent to me. The Sub overseer was ordered to do so and Mr Sanderson prevented him doing so. The matter was reported to you. In the meantime a second order of the Chief Engr to remove the unauthorized pipes at once was sent to me and I went to remove them. Mr Sanderson was out shooting and I commenced to remove one of the pipes. His people prevented my removing the pipe when I had cut the bund 3/4 of pew. I explained to them that I was removing it under Chief Engineer's orders. The matter appears to have been reported to Mr Sanderson and he sent coolies to prevent the removal of pipes, whilst he had received Copies of Chief Engineers orders. By this time I had removed the pipe and commenced to fill up the gap. It was 7 PM and Mr Sanderson's coolies about 50 in number paraded with large sticks and dictated to me that the pipe must be relaid out and the gap should not be filled up before doing so. I was afraid of leaving the gap as it was, lest the remaining bund through in front should be washed away and the gap extended, resulting in the loss of supply of water to lands and the tanks fed by it. They said they would take the law into their hands and do it themselves, if I don't yield and if I interfere they will make free use of their sticks. I told them I was not afraid of their sticks, but Govt interests and if they attempt at any illegal proceedings at so late an hour, they would be liable to be punished, criminally. In the meantime Mr Sander-

himself down to the spot with his writer and as soon as he came, he ordered his coolies, in Canarese, to relay out the removed pipe. I said that it was under Chief Engineer's orders the pipe was removed. He said he did not care under whose orders it was removed - A few minutes after he said that Chief Engineer could not have ordered the removal of the pipe laid out by him and I showed him the orders - He then read out to me Chief Engineer's letter No 3879 d/ 21st August 1890, partially, omitting the portions in which he was censured for his having interfered with a Govt channel in subversion of all rules. The concluding remarks of the Chief Engineer's letter went as below:- "As the thing has been done, there must now be an end of the matter, if the Ex. Engineer reports that the supply to your plantation can be afforded." I asked him to give me a Copy of it for my private information, so that upon the strength of the letter I may suspend further actions and wait for orders, which he acceded to. In expectation of this Copy, which I have with me now, I did not report to you the incidence of the night before. Early immediately in the morning I passed his camp to go to survey the River and he sent for me. I went to him and he received me very kindly. He shewed me a Type-writer and explained many things. He subsequently read out to me Chief Engineer's Denki-offl letter, pointing out to him that he was wrong in treating a Native Executive Engineer, in a Native State like that - and asked me to better I was not the cause for it - I said A subdl officer was bound to keep his Executive Engineer informed of all what happens in a Sub Division and when a Report is recd from a Subordinate, he cannot hush it up, as a Government Servant. He rejoined that I and the Sub-Overseer could have winked at it - I explained to him that Channels Rules were very severe and we could not but abide by them

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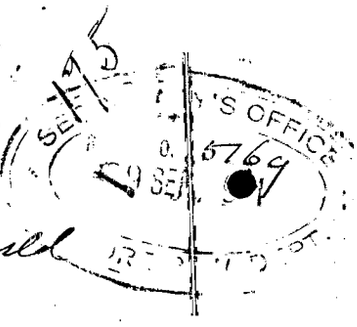
I have served in four Divisions and am serving in the 5th. I have every reasons to believe that one and all Executive Engineers are ready to make a special mention of my character, Conduct, Qualifications and hardwork.

6 As regards allowing a sluice to Lingashetty, the Khadda Overseer, I only forwarded his application to you for orders. In fact I never said a word against giving him the sluice applied for. You are aware what inconveniences the Ryots take already just to by Mr. Sanderson cutting off the supply of water in the Channel at its very head, by opening 3 + 4 Sluices. The Channel is capable of bringing any Supply, but the Supply in the Nulla is not sure and the drystone Anicut is not watertight. If the project to improve the Anicut and Channel were sanctioned and work carried out, then only all water received in the nulla can be taken in the Channel, and the supply may suffice. In its present condition Ryots suffer very much by water having been allowed to Mr Sanderson at the Head, and if the Overseer is allowed a sluice at the tail end, as soon as the Sluices of Mr. Sanderson are shut, the Khadda Overseer will claim for water immediately at the tail end, the cultivation between these two lands must suffer, and consequently the Ryots cannot but resign their lands. But no one has the moral Courage to come forward and say a word against Lingashetty who is the Head of the Ryots there and whose name is a terror to them as he is a Khadda Servant

This is only a question of equity - The Govt will sustain no loss. As the Ryots resign, Lingashetty may take up the lands & pay up the Revenue, but the loss of the Ryots would be irreparable.

7. The enclosures of the letter under reply are herewith returned.

I have the
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
C. Chengalroya Naidu
Overseer



Note by Colonel C. Bowen, R.E. Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Government of Mysore P. W. Department. ———

In August last Mr. Sanderson, Superintendent of Government Khaddahs, took it upon himself, without any authority from this Department, to cut the Hongalwadi Channel in 3 or 4 places. This unusual action naturally gave rise to some unpleasant correspondence between him and this Office. The papers were eventually laid before Government, and as Mr. Sanderson had apologised for what he had done, Mr. Thumboochetty then officiating as Dewan, decided to let the matter drop. —

I regret that this dispute about the Channel has assumed another phase necessitating the re-opening of the whole business. —

Notwithstanding what had passed above, on 6th April 1891 Mr. Sanderson addressed the Chief Secretary in his Cl. No. 2 requesting permission to open four more sluices in the Hongalwadi Channel. —

It seems to me in the first instance that this request should have been addressed

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to me as Chief Engineer and Secretary in the P.W. Department.

In this letter, para 4, Mr. Sanderson mentions to the Chief Secretary that he had pointed out to me that neither the Executive Engineer nor Sub Divisional Officer had inspected the Channel for years, and that fraud was committed annually in the repair season by over-measuring the work done. —

Further on he states that much of the money annually allotted for silt clearing is "embezzled" which charge he is prepared to prove fully. and he trusts the officials concerned will be obliged to him for bringing this "embezzlement" to notice (!)

Not content with these grave charges against Executive Engineer and Overseer he in para 6, has a parting fling at me. He submitted to me on the 13th March an application for 4 sluices and he submits to the Chief Secretary that I "might have passed orders" thereon before I left on leave — a plain dereliction of duty on my part I presume he would imply. As the Chief Secretary simply forwards me this letter for "disposal", I infer the Dewan does not wish me to answer

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the ~~charge~~ imputation

Mr. Sanderson followed up his letter of 6th April last referred to by another letter to the Chief Secretary in which the reply of the Hongalvadi Sub Overseer to a petition from one Linga Shetty is made the peg on which to hang further charges against this department. I ask attention to the terms of para 3 of this letter. The marginal note in pencil is by Mr. Karvé. This officer might have more politely substituted the word "incorrect" for "false" in taking exception to the Superintendents broad statement that the Sub divisional officer was never near the Channel in his life, but perhaps he may be excused because of the tone adopted in Mr. Sandersons letter which he had to report on.—

No. 24 of 13th April

I would draw particular attention to the general tone of this letter and others to the Chief Secretary. Apart from the fact that the usual procedure of the Head of a Department, when he has any grievance against another department to get redressed or any work to get done addressing in the first instance the Head of that Department, having been

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set aside, it would be intolerable that such broad charges and innuendoes as are contained in this letter should pass unnoticed. Apart from the more discourtesy of the thing, such procedure and such terms as have been used must tell against the interests of good Government.

But to come to the root of the matter Mr. Sanderson has broadly charged Overseer Chengalvaroya Naidu who held the Nanjangode Sub Division from June 1887 to June 1890 and again from August 1890 to February 1891, not only with neglect of duty, but with being privy to a system of "fraud" "embezzlement" and "pilfering" The charge reflects of course indirectly on the Executive Engineer, Mr. Karvé who, if the above be true, mismanaged his Division. —

I would invite particular attention to the Executive Engineer's and Overseer's explanations and, more particularly in justice to the latter, I would ask at once for an independent board of enquiry. For this purpose I would nominate Mr. McHutchin on behalf of the Department

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Mysore P. W. D.

To the Dewan of Mysore for information

In your endorsement of 23d December 1891 regarding the sluices asked for by Mr. Sanderson on the Hongalwadi channel you directed that all possible water should be given to save crops &c pending final decision &c.

The Executive Engineer Mr. Kanné inspected the channel carefully on the 22d and 23d ultimo and I submit his report for your information. Mr. Sanderson has put in already 8 sluices in the channel, two of them it is stated by a mistake by one of his men 6 only were authorized. The Executive Engineer allowed the

two unauthorized ones to be retained, as he thought the coffee below them might suffer if they were closed now.

Mr. Sanderson demands 12 sluices in all. The Executive Engineer is clearly of opinion that the number should be restricted to the 8 already put in, as otherwise the lands below the Ramasamudram Tank, which have of course a prescriptive right to the water, may suffer. This is clear enough and Mr. Sanderson should restrict his cultivation accordingly. When the channel has been improved, so as to afford to the tanks a larger supply than they have hitherto enjoyed, possibly it may be feasible to allow more sluices for an extension of the Coffee and plantain gardens.

Mr. Harve is further of opinion that Mr. Sanderson may utilize the

little water in the channel during the months of February, March and April, but that the whole of the supply in May should be allowed to go down to the tanks undiminished. To this, he states, Mr. Sanderson will not consent. Mr. Karve's reasons for this are plain. If water is drawn off from the channel when it is running from the early tank-filling rains, it is clear the old lands must suffer more or less. If the new sluices are to be opened, then, at any one's will, there may be no need to the interference with the supply to the tanks. The tanks once filled, then and then ~~above~~ only should Mr. Sanderson's sluices be allowed to stand open. Mr. Sanderson's demands amount to this - that his fresh lands should take precedence in the matter of supply over the old established cultivation.

Mr. Karve has prepared a rough estimate amounting to Rs 11,300, for widening and improving

the channel. It would be well to sanction this at once, pending more elaborate surveys, levels and detailed calculations &c.

I have as yet received no intimation as to the decision of Government on the insulting personal attack made on me by Mr. Sanderson though I have still to deal with the matters affecting that gentleman's personal interests.

/signed/ C. Bowen
Col: R.E.
Secretary, P.W.D.

Camp Thirkuti
6-2-92.

(Diwan's orders).

In the matter of Mr. Sandersons insulting personal attack upon Col: Bowen, the opinion of the Government is that he should retract his objectionable statements and apologize for having made them: and if he refuses to

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MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

TO THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

for Orders.

Section L. R
File No 61-90
Serial No 27

I beg to lay before you the accompanying letter from the Supdt of Chickdaks, and to invite your earliest consideration of its tone & tenor.

In the whole course of my experience, extending over many years, I have never seen a letter couched in such terms from one Department to another, let alone from a comparatively junior officer to a very senior one.

You have before you the whole of the papers regarding the claims, the subject of this most intemperate (I may say insolent) communication. You will be able to trace therefrom the orders & action taken at different times in regard of the claims demanded by Mr Sanderson, and you can note the course of action taken by him at various stages.

Of course I must decline to make any reply myself to Mr Sanderson on any subject whatever.

I am not aware what are the terms of Mr Sanderson's engagement with His Highness' Government, but I presume, whatever they may be in regard of emoluments & period of service, that they are subject to the usual rules & procedure in his relations with other officers & Depts of the administration,

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though he has hitherto entirely overlooked such rules & relations.

I must refrain from making any detailed remarks on the (unusual) provocatory language resorted to by these officers, but I cannot help commenting on the utter & reckless slander (to use a mild term) of the Head of one Department of the State — or rather I should say a Subordinate of one Department. overturning the Head of another Department with a "public prosecution".

The letter I submit appears to me to call for the very earliest & fullest consideration & orders, as I cannot allow myself to rest under what appears to be a violent personal attack, as well as an attack on my Department.

C. Lucas Cd dr.

Secy to Govt.

10—11—91.

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My dear Owen

As you have asked me for
my opinion on the Landowners
Contract &c that I will
do so, this is herewith
& best my judgment,
& remain
Yours very sincerely

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the proposed Comm. to enquire into the Decision under the Land Act. Report of the Com. Engr. ~~Colonial~~ Secretary to direct the Public Offices Reserve (Act 16 March 91)

Cl. Brown must have left this time proceeded to Rockhampton, for on 6th April in his 2:2 Mr Lumsden addressed the Chief Secretary.

In this letter he recapitulates the Contents of his 271 & 269 of 13th March 91 the Charges & Counterplements & Declarations of the Com. Engr. & the Decision of the Minister to visit Clermont for Juries. He complains that he has received no reply to his application & states that 72 acres - adding & Selected. The area must have been passed before the Chief Surveyor left", and stating that Rowan & Jones

Copy Ltr (Mr Sanderson) Leaves
for England —

On this Letter there is found
a Slip of paper in Mr S's
writing "The Form of the
Answers and Orders"

The Order in Letter is
Framed & the G.O.M.W for
form of Discharge"

A. 490/58 Qt. 11th Aft. 91

Mr Sanderson has this
Morning his Com from
Col. Brown & the Answer
to the Complaint of the Town
of Queens Colony —

Mr Sanderson Says he
Cant, as per order on
part of Mr Sanderson
Despin Orders & Ch. Engr
to take same Inject before
he Rec'd a Copy for Answer —

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Engr. to be bound to build
to his decision — particularly as
he had claims thereupon
his various affiliations as much
in favr. interests as in his own

I cannot but think that
if an opportunity were, as
a matter of great importance
offered to Mr. Anderson
he would hasten to withdraw
his extraordinary letter
with a suitable apology
& Col. Brown for the very
disrespectful if not
insulting terms in which
it is written — If he
declines to do so there
appears to me to be only
one course left to Govt.
& that is to dispense with

his services.

If Mr Sanderson does that Lord Lorne & Lord Carling will probably lead him to do, there will still remain an enquiry to be made into the charges brought against Executive Officers of D.H.W. and it may be intimated to Mr Sanderson that he will be required to substantiate them upon such enquiry as a Committee of Enquiry as is suggested by Col. Bowen.

Yours faithfully

C. Clegg.

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mode of procedure & correspondence
thereto, connected with this
matter of irrigation for his
newly created garden lands.

I have etc

12th Decr/91 Insp. Genl of P & Forests

Rd. 31/12/96. Submitted

I received this file from Mr Ricketts and 2nd yesterday - the packet had been missent to Hirnyan.

2 When at Mysore Mr Sanderson saw me about this subject and when I took serious objection to the tone of his correspondence he expressed his willingness to apologize, but asked that he might be given an opportunity of explaining the whole matter in person before any action I might appoint - I promised that this would be done before final orders were passed

3 In fulfilment of this promise I would feel obliged if Mr Ricketts will give Mr Sanderson a hearing, and draw up or approve an apology to Col. Bowen in suitable ample terms, and then return the file to me for final disposal -

4. If the apology is such as Col Bowen also considers satisfactory, he probably will not press the matter further upon for the formal ordering of Govt., in so far as Mr Sanderson's conduct is concerned.

5. The charges against the D.P.W. Subordinate Mr Sanderson has preferred should be made the subject of a special formal Enquiry, before the Dep. Com. of Mysore, and Mr Sanderson will be called upon to substantiate them.

6. There is finally another matter - that is Mr Sanderson's urgent request for water in this exceptional season. This question should be at once settled on its own merits, such settlement will not in any way affect the first named two questions regarding Mr Sanderson's conduct & his charges against the D.P.W. Subordinate

23/12/96. Yr obedient Servt
Forwarded. Ricketts

four sluices to my land at Chamarajnugger. To the complete nature of that letter as an explanation, and to its quiet tone, I beg to solicit attention. Col: Bowen did not reply as to what had been done with my letter, but left shortly for England; 2ndly, To make a separate matter of any charge against me of discourtesy.

After obtaining no reply to my letter of March 3th, I appealed to the Chief Secretary to Govern-ment; and I was naturally constrained to use some vigor in my representation, as I had at least Rs 3000/.

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at stake (which I have since lost), on the question But I am not aware that I used any dis courteous expressions But if higher authority thinks so I will willingly retract

My above letter to Chief Secretary was referred to the P.W.D, and I went home, and during my absence nothing was done, and 70 acres of land remained waste, not to my loss only which I regard less, but to the loss and disappointment of many cultivators.

made, (I understand) against me, and it may in this connection be well for me to state how I was dealt with by Colonel Bowen a few months ago - I had taken 4 sluices under peculiar circumstances, in anticipation of orders which I reported at once; but Colonel Bowen wrote me a letter, which I cannot but term violent, asking me why I had "wantonly breached an irrigation work"; and though I apologized to all concerned; and though the sluices were granted to me, which shews I had reason for my action; Colonel Bowen

Bowen referred the
matter to Government
I can only suppose with
the view of having me
reprimanded, but with
the result of being prac=
=tically rebuffed him=
=self

I beg again to state
that whilst subordinates
may neglect their work
on this channel; tanks
fed by it run dry
(as is occuring at this
moment); the channel
become choked; and
money be misappropriated
a small breach of
etiquette, or a supposed
discourtesy, on the part
of a landowner, is
sufficient to be made
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a matter for reference to the highest quarters.

I again beg, therefore to request that the actual facts of the alleged inattention to my interests as a land: owner, which form the base of this case; and the heavy loss I have sustained of Rs 3000/; may not be allowed to be obscured by Col: Bowen's personal charges, which I am quite prepared to answer.

I beg this may be submitted to Mr Ricketts with the rest of the correspondence; and if there is no objection, I should be obliged by having the charges against me communicated.

I remain,
yours sincerely
sd: G. P. Sanderson.

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Bangalore.
12 Dec: '91

My dear Ricketts

I send you the enclosed D-O. letter from Sanderson d: 9th inst, and received this morning.-

I have replied that my opinion has already been submitted to the Dewan, that I understand that all the correspondence is now before you, and I will forward his pre-: sent letter to you according to his request.-

With reference to the last para I conclude that col: Bowen's state-: ment of his views of Sanderson's conduct

the land prepared
first and rushes, as
it were, the matter
of sluices - From
my recollection of the
correspondence
think there was no
undue delay in Chief
Engineer's office. —
Before Coll: B. went
on leave he referred
certain matters to
Mr Norris; acting
for Mr Knowi; but
the matter had vir
= tually to stand over
till Mr Knowi returned
from leave. Then
Mr Saunderson proceeds
to complicate matters
by a direct reference
to

to Chief Secretary charging D. P. W. Subor-dinates with fraud &c and the papers are sent to Chief Secretary's or Dewan's office. However, although I have read the whole correspondence and that too very recently, I do not remember the exact stage at which the question of granting four additional sluices has proceeded.

Believe me,

yours very sincerely,

sd:- L. Richetts.

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Camp Tumkur.—
4th January 1892.

My dear Sanderson

I append extract of a memorandum from the Dewan dated 23d ultimo and received by me on the 1st instant.

" 2. When at Mysore Mr
" Sanderson saw me about
" this subject and when I
" took serious objection to
" the tone of his correspondence
" he expressed his willingness
" to apologize, but asked that
" he might be given an
" opportunity of explaining
" the whole matter in person
" before any officer I might
" appoint. I promised that
" this would be done before
" final orders were passed.

" 3. In fulfilment of this

promise. I would feel obliged
if Mr. Ricketts will give Mr.
" Sanderson a hearing, and
" draw up or approve an
" apology to Col. Bowen in
" suitable ample terms,
" and then return the file
" to me for final disposal.

" 4. If the apology is
" such as Col. Bowen also
" considers satisfactory, he
" probably will not press
" the matter further for the
" formal orders of Govern-
" ment, in so far as Mr.
" Sanderson's conduct is
" concerned."

I am of course
ready to hear all that
you may wish to say
regarding the matter,
but I have already

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My dear Ricketts.

I have received your letter of the 4th - I must ask that the papers in this case may be sent to me ; this the Sewan promised

I do not know what expressions or statements of mine Col Bowen takes exception to, or which you regard as "outrageous and insulting"

I told the Sewan I would willingly apologize if, after a personal hearing I were adjudged wrong. At that hearing I of course expected to have the charge against me communicated but as yet I do not know

about they are.

Yours sincerely,
sd:- G. P. Sanderson.

Camp Gavanagondanahalli. (3)
11th January 1892.

My dear Mr. Seshadri Iyer

I beg to enclose copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. Sanderson and copy of his reply.

The latter is very disappointing. I do not see how a hearing can be given him unless he runs up to meet me at Kittal droog or Harihar. Either do I see much use in the hearing, seeing that his letter to Col: Bowen was inexcusable under

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Camp Holalkeray
28th January 1892.

My dear Sanderson,

Your letter to me of the 7th instant asking that the papers in this case may be sent to you as per promise of the Dewan.

Owing to some bungling in my office, I only received this morning the file which I now send you. So far as this letter is concerned and also my previous one to your address of 4th instant, it will be sufficient, I think, to refer you to the last three papers on the file — viz. Coll: Bowie's Memo of 23-10-'91 with its

of Mr Sanderson's letter and note against each objectionable passage the reasons why it is considered objectionable and such as Mr Sanderson should apologise for.

Mr Sanderson's charges against D.P.W. subordinates is another matter regarding which separate enquiry has been ordered. His complaint of loss owing to delay in granting the sluices is also another matter, regarding which he is at liberty if so advised to make a separate representation. What we are now concerned is the tone of his letter to Col: Bowen

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Bangalore – 4th February '92

My dear Mr Ricketts.

Mr Sanderson has been to see me about his letter to Col: Bowen regarding which he has been required to apologize – He says he cannot understand what particular passages of his letter are considered objectionable as there is not on the file your own or Col: Campbell's opinion – I have not now the time to go through the file and put my finger on the objectionable passages – It would be best under the circumstances if you will have a copy on half margin made of

to accompanying note and
its memo of 10.11.'91 forward-
ing your letter to him
of 3-11-'91. How you
could have written
such a letter is a
mystery to me.

Please return
the file to me at your
early convenience. Also
at the same time, if
possible, sending a
reply to my letter to you
of 4th instant

Yours sincerely
L. Ricketts.

for which he has been called upon to apologize

return your papers on the subject which probably you may want for reference.

Please place this letter on the file.

yours very sincerely/-
sd: K. Seshadri Iyer.

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My dear Mr. Seshadri Iyer,

your letter of the 4th, I only received this morning/-

I gave Mr. Saunderson as broad hints as I could regarding the outrageous character

character of his letter to Lord Bowen; but I did not send him Lord Campbell's opinion nor mine as I considered that it would take away all the merit or graciousness of an apology if it were coming from him, as it were. If however you are of a contrary opinion and so desire it, I will send him such opinions.

As regards making a copy on half margin and noting against each objectionable passage the reasons why it is considered objectionable and such as Mr Sanderson should apologize

apologize for, I have to remark that the whole letter is objectionable and that Mr Sanderson must or ought to be well aware of this fact: For instance, how would Mr Sanderson have acted if he had received a letter couched in similar terms, say from the Executive Engineer Mr Kurne, or from Mr Morris the Coffee planter, However I have not got the letter with me as I forwarded the whole file, save Col: Campbell's opinion and mine, to Mr Sanderson on the 28th ultimo.

In the further corr:
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correspondence received
today, Mr Sanderson
says that he is not aware
that he used any
discourteous expressions.
" But if higher authority
" thinks so I will willingly
" retract." yet some
lines further on Mr S.
states " Col: Bowen re-
" ferred the matter to
" Government with
" the view of having
" me reprimanded,
" but with the result
" of being practically
" rebuffed himself"—
and further on Mr S.
adds that he is quite
prepared to answer
Col: Bowen's charges.
Col: Campbell observes

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2. In acknowledging
receipt on the 7th January
of the above letter you
asked that the papers
in the case may be
sent you, adding "I
"do not know what ex-
"pressions or statements
"of mine Coll: Bowen
"takes exception to, or
"which you regard as
"outrageous and insulting

3. On the 28th January,
I sent you the papers in
the case, referring you
particularly to the last
three papers on the file,
viz: Coll Bowen's Memo
of 23rd October 1891, with
its accompanying note

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and his Memo of 10 November 91, forwarding your letter to him of 3 November '91. These three papers, especially Col: Bowen's Memo of 10th November, added to the contents of my said letter to you of 4th January must assuredly have made you acquainted with the nature of the grave offence with which you were charged and for which in fact you were required by the Dewan thro' me to make an apology to Col: Bowen in suitable ample terms.

4 - I fail to realise that you who have been in

in the service of Govern=
=ment for so many year
cannot understand wha
particular passages of
your letter to col= Bowen
of 3rd November '91. are
considered objectionable
But to make this clear
I now proceed by direc=
=tion of the Newab to
point out the very offensive
nature of your said letter
to col= Bowen .. In the
first place you make
a direct and intemperate
personal attack on Coll=
Bowen — an officer of
high standing — the
Chief Engineer of the
Province — a Secretary
to Government — and

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much your senior in age and rank" — for the "utmost want of consideration" and for your inattention for "7¾ months to my proper request". Then follow other charges, although the words "office" and "department" are used indiscriminately — a threat to bring to notice by a public prosecution the inattention and disregard of duties shown by the Chief Engineer's department, beginning with his (Col. Bowen's) own office, and a further threat to proceed against the

Irrigation

Irrigation department (of which col: Bowen is the head) for losses if you are any longer deprived of your rights of water or some reply to your letter. In fact the whole tone of your said letter is highly objectionable.

5. I had hoped, nay felt certain, that your own sense of propriety official decorum, and proper feeling would have prompted you to at once have come forward with an ample and suitable apology and such as coll:

Bowen

Bonnier could accept looking at the intemperate personal and disrespectful remarks you have addressed him" (vide my said letter of 4th January '92.)

6- It is needless to add that in this I have been disappointed - There can be no discussion as to the alleged inattention to your interests; regarding which I apprehend you are at liberty to make separate representation hereafter if so advised - Noz

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may imagine; I will do so when I can at once. Meanwhile please send me your end col: Campbell's memos, which the Dewan ordered to be sent to me, and promised me I should have. I must see the complete case.

Yours sincerely,
Sd: G. P. Sanderson.

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~~Camp Kottumbedla~~

21 February '92.

My dear Sanderson,

I received this morning your letter of

of the 18th Instant in which
you ask me to send
you Memos of Colls
Campbell and myself
which the Dewan ordered
to be sent to me and
promised me I should
have".

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been labouring under
a mistake when you
wrote the above quoted
words. The Dewan
if he gave such an
order would have
given it to me - which
is not the case. I
have done all; in
fact more than I was
directed to do -

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4 In making charges against the subordinates of the I. W. dept. (every one of which I am prepared to prove to the fullest extent) and in threatening a Govmt official with a suit for damages, I did no more than any xpot does daily, or than a landowner is entitled to do.

(5) Perhaps the wording of my letter was un-fortunate, in speaking of a "public prosecution"; had I said "suit for damages" it would

would have expressed
my meaning better.
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shown to me; the "in-
-attention and disregard
of duties shown by
your dept" ("I did
not mention Col: Bowen
personally, as I meant
his office: for Col:
Bowen had gone home
soon after I made
my application for
sluices, which appli-
cation was kept in
his office 4 full
months without any
action, and I
blamed whoever

was

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cannot see that he ever did, commit

If reference be made to Col: Bowen's letter of 10th November 1891, it will be seen how entirely he misunderstands (in my humble view of the matter) that I wrote to him as a Supt. He speaks of such terms from one Supt to another, let alone from a Comparatively junior officer to a very senior one"; "I cannot help commenting on the utter and reckless

usurdity of the Head
of one dept of the
State threatening the
head of another dept
with a "public prose=
cution." I agree in
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thought that the ab=
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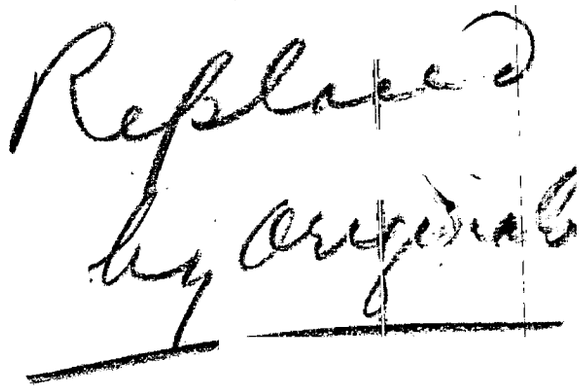
=parent as to show a
misapprehension existed.
I contend that Col=
Bowen has entirely
taken a wrong view
of the position in which
I stood to him, as a
complaining land-
holder.

I cannot say more
than the above, though
if stronger I should

have tired to go
further into the matter
I must beg that my
action only be con-
sidered on this one
point, which appears
to be Col: Bowen's
main one, of my
threatening him with
a suit - I have not
answered his allusions
to my complaints -
against his subordinates,
which have never
been investigated,
and yet which Col:
Bowen alludes to
as if they might not
be well founded -

I have done
the best I can under



my circumstances
here to explain this
unpleasant matter,
and I am very
sorry for the trouble
it must have caused
the Dewan - I hope
this explanation
will be accepted,
and end the matter.

Yours sincerely,
sd - G. P. Sanderson.

(Note on the top of the letter)
"I am returning the file".

hardly necessary as I feel certain that you will be only glad of the opportunity to put an end to this most unpleasant matter by tendering a full and ample apology to Col: Bowen

. I may state that the papers in connection with this case were originally referred to me by the Dewan and I was compelled to record my opinion of the outrageous and insulting nature of the tone and contents of your letter to Col: Bowen.

I shall be glad to receive from you the draft of the apology which you propose to tender and which I trust will be of a nature which Col: Bowen can accept looking at the intemperate, personal and disrespectful remarks you have addressed him.

Yours sincerely
W. L. Richetts.

"Copy"
Mr. Ricketts.

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Camp Hutya

7 Feby 92

My dear Mr Sheshadri Iyer

Your letter of the 4th, I only received this morning.

I gave Mr Sanderson as broad hints as I could regarding the outrageous character of his letter to Capt Bowen, but I did not send him Capt Campbell's opinion or mine as I considered that it would take away all the merit or graciousness of an apology if it were coming from him, as it were. If however you are of a contrary opinion I so desire it I will send him such opinions.

As regards making a copy on half margin

nayan & nothing against each objectionable
passage the reasons why it is considered
objectionable & such as Mr Sanderson should
apologize for. I have to remark that the
whole letter is objectionable & that Mr Sanderson
must or ought to be well aware of this fact.
For instance how would Mr Sanderson have
acted if he had received a letter couched in
similar terms say from the Ext Engineer, Mr Kurz
or from Mr Morris the Coffee Planter. However
I have not got the letter with me as I forwarded the
whole file; same Coll Co opinion & mine to Mr
Sanderson on the 28th Ulto

In the further corresp.e received to day, Mr
Sanderson says that he is not aware that he
used any discourteous expressions - "But if by the

authority thinks so I will willingly retract" Yet, some lines further on Mr S states "Colt Bowen referred the matter to Govt with the view of having me reprimanded, but with the result of being practically rebuffed himself" And further on, Mr S adds that he is quite prepared to answer Colt Bowen's charges - Colt Campbell observes in his letter to me with reference to above letter "I conclude that Colt "Bowen's statement of his views of Sandersons "conduct, including Sandersons last letter regarding "legal proceedings will be shewn to Sanderson "by the Dewan before a final decision is come to" Mr Sanderson has now these papers before him - They in fact constitute the "charges" against him and I am amazed at his not coming forward at once to make amends in a suitable apology

In my letter to Mr Sanderson of 4th Jan'y calling upon him to tender a full & ample apology to Col. Bowen (copy enclosed) I added "I may state "that the papers in connection with this case "were originally referred to me by the Secretary & I "was compelled to record my opinion of the outrageous "& insulting nature of the tone & contents of "your letter to Col. Bowen"

Lastly there is Col. Bowen to consider in this matter. He has made a formal complaint & you of Mr Sandersons' conduct & he can hardly be expected to be satisfied at this delay in disposing of a well founded complaint. I hope you will excuse me for saying this & it is scarcely necessary to add that I am not writing thus in concert with Col. Bowen.

When I receive a reply from Mr Sanderson

my views and those of yourself and Col: Campbell on the file, and these should enable you to do this with the greatest possible ease. There should be no discussion with him as to whether they are objectionable or not. If he refuses to tender an ample apology, I then will have no other alternative but the extreme one which Col: Campbell recommended. I am prepared to do this, but surely you don't expect me to do it without giving him a full

full opportunity to re-
-tract and apologize.
I put the matter specially
in your hands because
Mr Sanderson is your
subordinate officially.
I feel for Col: Bowen
quite as much as you
do, but I am scarcely
responsible for the delay
that has so far taken
place. Knowing the
kind of man you had
in Sanderson it would
have brought the whole
matter to quicker ter-
-mination if the objec-
-tionable passages had
been definitely pointed
out

Camp Hiriya. —
12th February 1892

My dear Sanderson

1. I have again to draw your attention to my letter of the 14th January last.

2. In acknowledging receipt, on the 7th January, of the above letter you asked that the papers in the case may be sent you, adding "I do not know what expressions or statements of mine Coll: Bowen takes exception to, or which you regard as outrageous and insulting."

3. On the 28th January, I sent you the papers in the case, referring you particularly to the last three papers on the file, viz: Col: Bowen's Memo of 23d October 1891, with its accompanying note and his Memo of 10th November 91 forwarding your letter to him of 3d November 91. These three papers, especially Coll: Bowen's Memo of 10th

November; added to the contents of my said letter to you of 4th January, must assuredly have made you acquainted with the nature of the grave offence with which you were charged and for which in fact you were required by the Dewan, through me, to make an apology to Coll: Bowen in suitable ample terms.

4. I fail to realise that you who have been in the service of Government for so many years, cannot understand what particular passages of your letter to Coll: Bowen of 3d November 1891, are considered objectionable. But to make this clear, I now proceed, by direction of the Dewan, to point out the very offensive nature of your said letter to Coll: Bowen. In the first place you make a direct and intemperate personal attack on Coll: Bowen; an officer of high standing, the Chief Engineer of the Province, a Secretary to Government

and much your senior in age and rank, for the "utmost want of consideration" and for "your in- : attention for 7 3/4 months to my proper "request". Then follow other charges although the words "office" and "department" are used, Viz: a threa to bring to notice by a public pro : secution the inattention and disre : gard of duties shown by the Chief Engineer's department, beginning with his (coll: Bowen's) own office and a further threat to proceed against the Irrigation department (of which coll: Bowen is the head) for losses if you are any longer deprived of your rights of water or some reply to your letter. In fact the whole tone of your said letter is highly objectionable.

5. I had hoped, may felt certain that your own sense of propriety, official decorum, and proper feelin would have prompted you to at once have come forward with an ample and suitable apology and such

as Coll: Bowen could accept "looking
"at the intemperate personal and
"disrespectful remarks you have
"addressed him" — (vide my
said letter of 4th January 92.)

6. It is needless to add that
in this I have been disappointed.
There can be no discussion as to the
alleged inattention to your interests,
regarding which I apprehend you
are at liberty to make separate re-
-presentation, hereafter, if so advised.
nor any further discussion on your
part of the nature referred to in the
quotation from one of your letters set
out in para 2 of this letter. The
Government, for purposes of this refer-
-ence, are only concerned as regards
your conduct in the extraordinary
tone of your said letter to Coll: Bowen
and for which you have been
called upon to make a suitable
and ample apology.

7. I await a very early reply

to

Camp Kurnool
13th Febr/92.

My dear Mr. Sheshadri Iyer

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10th Instt. and to enclose copy of a letter I wrote to Mr Sanderson yesterday; but too late for the post of that day.

This letter to Mr. I have

in a day or two.

Yrs very truly

L Whitney

forwarded to Mr Le Messe
to ascertain by letter from
Mysore. Mr L's present
address & despatch the
letter to such address -
Registered -

I arrived here yesterday
: have begun this morning
my enquiries in re Sobs. Seyfu
& until report results

Kodi Rawal - 18-2-92.

My dear Ricketts

After writing yesterday, I received your letter about Bowen's complaint. I could'nt read it at the time. I was under half a dozen blankets, my teeth chattering, and shivering all over, and yet ~~got~~ temperature 102.2. I am quite unable at present to attend to anything, as you may imagine I will do so when I can at once Meanwhile please send me your and Col: Campbell's memo which the Dewan ordered to be sent

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to me, and promised me I should have. I must see the complete case

Yours sincerely,

sd- H. P. Sanderson

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Camp Kollumbella

21 Feby/92

My dear Mr Seshadri Iyer

I enclose for your information copy of a letter rec'd from Mr Sanderson this morning & copy of my reply.

Comment upon Mr S's letter is perhaps unnecessary

A Memo. on the certain papers goes this day in a separate cover to you

Your address - viz re Moonsey.

Mangapurty Island

Papers viz re Solomon

Leyshon until shortly forth.

Believe me

Yours very truly

S Burkett

218 Camp Wallumbella
21 Feby 1892

My dear Saunderson

I received this morning your letter of the 18th Instt in which you ask me to send you Memos of coll Campbell and myself "which the Dewan ordered to be sent to me and promised me I should have" You must have been labouring under a mistake when you wrote the above quoted words. The Dewan if he gave such an order would have given it to me - which is not the case. I have done all; in fact more than I was directed to do

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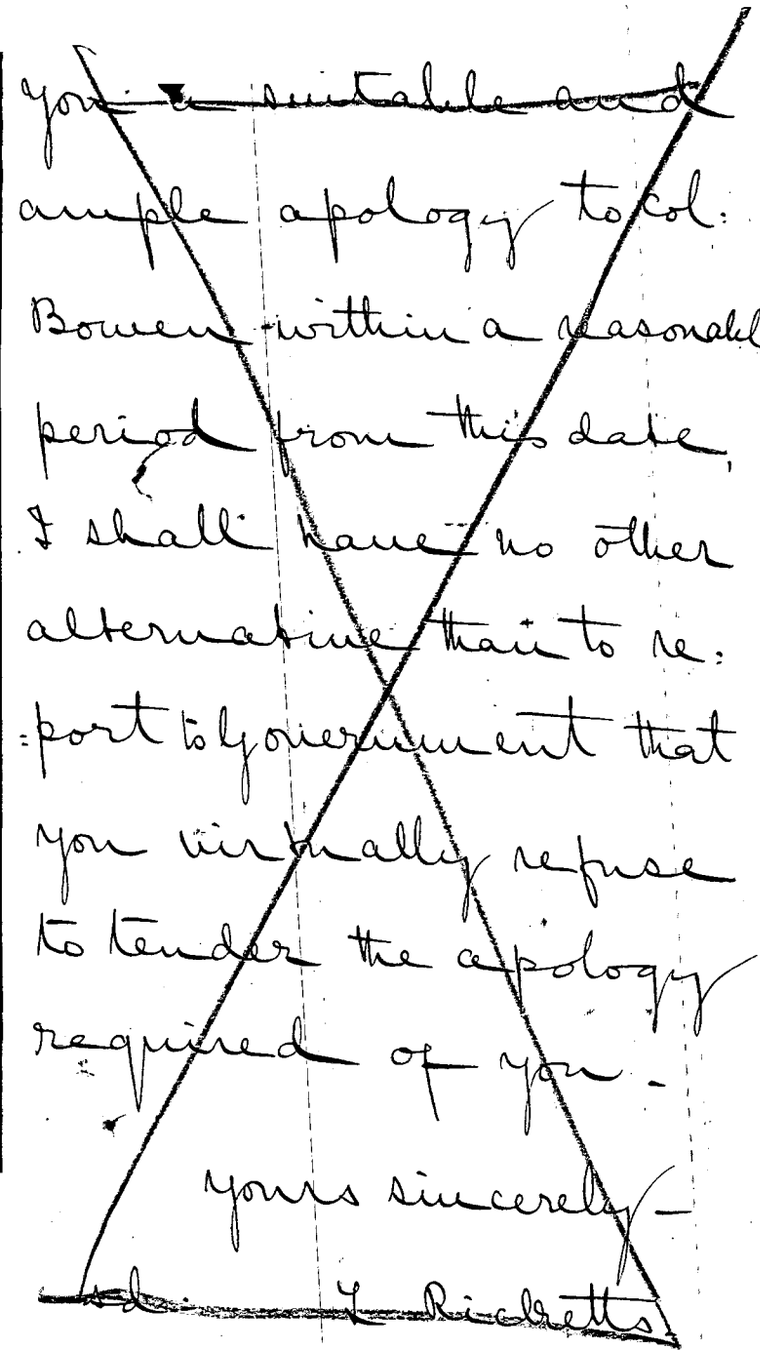
The memos in question have no bearing whatever on the merits of the case. They are only expressions of our opinions on a perusal of the papers in a file which I forwarded to you so far back as 28th June last.

With this file, taken in connection with my letters of 4th and 28th ults and 12th inst, you have, as you must be aware, the complete case before you and it only remains for me to add that if I do not receive from you a suitable and ample apology to Lall Bowen within a reasonable period

from
for this date I shall have
no other alternative than to
report to Government that you
virtually refuse to tender the
apology required of you

Yours sincerely,

A. L. Ricketts.



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to tender the apology
required of you -

yours sincerely -

T Ricketts

Kodikanal - 28-2-'92. (12)

My dear Ricketts.

ours of - 21st -

I do not think I am
"laboring under a
mistake"

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With this file, taken in connection with my letters of 4th and 28th ultimo and 12th instant, you have, as you must be aware, the complete case before you and it now only remains for me to add that if I do not receive from you

mistake" as you say when I wrote that the Dewan ordered your and Col: Campbell's memos to be sent to me for on 4th instant in Bangalore, during a personal interview I had with the Dewan he expressed his great surprise that these had not been included in the correspondence sent to me; and he there and then wrote to you requesting the memos should be sent at once.

Before that, on 7th December in Mysore the Dewan acceded to my request that I should be allowed to explain

matters viva voce before
yourself and call:
Campbell; but owing
to our various movements
that became impossible;
but the Dewan then said
all papers would be
submitted to me for
forming my reply before
he considered the case.

You say "the memos
in question have no
hearing whatever
on the case". I
cannot agree with this,
for they are expressions
of opinion which must
sway the Dewan; and
if I can answer any
points in them it will
be to my advantage.

Basing

being sent him - Mr=
S. misquotes what I
said on 4 February.
The letter of that date
(which please file on
record) contradicts
him - I wrote it in
his presence and he
was quite satisfied
with it - I am much sur=
=prised his memory
should be so much
at fault - Since
writing you that letter
I approved of what
you wrote him after=
=wards to acquaint him
with what was regarded
as objectionable in his
letter to Col= Bowie -
I hope Mr= S. will not
misunderstand

misunderstand the
position any longer
and will at once send
an ample apology.

Yours very sincerely,
sd: K. Seshadri Iyer.

P.S.

If you think it will
facilitate disposal —
you can send S. copy
of this note —

Ind.:

Bangalore — 2nd March '92 (15)

My dear Sanderson

Your letter of 28th ult.
having already informed
you in my letter of the
21st

21st ultimo that I had received no orders from the Dewan to send you the memos referred to, I was much sur= =prised to read the contents of your letter and sent the same to the Dewan for orders.

Copy of his reply I enclose for your in= =formation and guidance and I would strongly advise you to act at once on the instructions contained in the con= =cluding portion thereof=

Yours sincerely
sd= T. Ricketts

Kodikanal — 6:3:92.

My dear Ricketts,

The copy of the Dewan's letter of 1st, received with yours of — 2nd, having settled the matter of my seeing you and Col: Campbell's memos, I can proceed to answer the charge of — my having used improper language in communications with Col: Bowen:—

I am very sorry indeed that anything I said should, however unintentionally, have caused Col: Bowen annoyance. old friends, and

every one of which I am prepared to prove to the fullest extent; and in threatening a Govmt Official with a suit for damages, I did no more than any upright docs daily, or than a Landowner entitled to do.

Perhaps the wording of my letter was unfortunate, in speaking of a "public prosecution", had I said "suit for damages" it would have expressed my meaning better. The "want of consideration" shewn to me, the "inattention & disregard of duties shewn by your Dept" (I did not mention Col Bowen personally, as I meant his Office; for Col Bowen had gone home soon after I made my application for sluices, which application was left in his Office

4 full months 29/4 without any action
and I blamed whoever was in
charge of the Office accordingly)
I think I had good cause to com-
plain of. I have spent Rs 2500
on the land at Worlay, + there
not having a couple of flushes
of water at a season when Rs
has useless to anyone else. I have lost
a clear Rs 8000. I did not receive
any reply to my application for
Leave of 13th March 91 for 11 months.
Under these circumstances can any
thing I said be regarded as too
emphatic?

(6) I entirely fail to see what
there is to apologize for in anything
I said. It is not any caitiff day
that makes me say this. If I thought
myself in the wrong, I would make the

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most humble apology with my
hale heart, I feel no false
pride in such matters. But here I
feel much in the position of a man
who is asked to sign a ~~declaration~~
confession of some crime which he
never intended to, & cannot see that
he ever did. Comma

17 If reference be made to
Col. Bowers letter of 10th Nov 1891,
it will be seen how entirely he
misunderstands (in my humble view
of the matter) that I wrote to him
as a Regt. He speaks of such terms
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to a very senior one; I cannot help
commenting on the utter & reckless
absurdity of the Year 1 one Regt
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another dept with a public prose-
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would have thought that no absurdity
was so apparent as to shew a
misapprehension existed. I cannot
that Col. Bowen has entirely
taken a wrong view of the position
in which I stood to him, as a
complaining Landholder.

I cannot say more than
the above though if stronger
I should have liked to go further
into the matter. I must beg that
my action only be considered
on this point, which affects
the Col. Bowen's main one of
my threatening him with a suit.
I have not answered his allusions

to my complaints against his subordinates, which have never been investigated, and yet wh. Col. Bowen alludes to as if they might not be well founded

19) I have done the best I can under my circumstances here to explain this unpleasant matter, & I am very sorry for the trouble it must have caused the Govn. I hope this explanation will be accepted, & end the matter

Yours Sincerely

S. Lauderdale

Mr. Lauderdale knows copy of this made & sent to me 9th

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Bangalore, 11th March 1892.

L.R
Section Sheshadri Iyer
File No 61-90
Serial No 28.
received yesterday

My dear Mr. Sheshadri Iyer

I write from Mr Sanderson, d. 6th Instt. The 2nd para contains expressions of regret for unintentionally causing Coll. Bowen annoyance or offence. Further in his 3rd para, Mr. S uses the terms "sincere expression of my regret"; but beyond this there is no apology at all. Only explanations which tend to aggravate rather than mend matters. For instance - para 5. "Perhaps "the wording of my letter was unfortunate in "speaking of a "public prosecution"; had I said "Suit for damages" it would have expressed my "meaning better. x x x "Under these circumstances "can anything I said be regarded as too emphatic" And para 6, begins thus "I entirely fail to see "what there is to apologise for in anything I said

(1)

Yours

Finally, Mr. Sanderson ends his letter by saying "hope this explanation will be accepted and end "the matter.

(2) In my letter to Mr. Sanderson of 12th February 91 I distinctly informed him that there could be no discussion as to the alleged inattention to his interests nor any further discussion regarding the objectionable nature of the particular expressions in his letter of 3rd November 1891 & I ended by saying "The Government for purposes of this "reference are only concerned as regards your conduct "in the extraordinary tone of your said letter to "Coll. Bowen & for which you have been called "upon to make a suitable & ample apology"

(3) Practically Mr. Sanderson has disregarded all that I have written to him & also the instructions or warning conveyed in your letter to my address of 1st March 92. Eng "I hope Mr. Sanderson will

in the subject is official & Mr. Sanderson alludes in different letters to his "official letter" to his "own department", his own "official position", "official reasons", his action about the sluices was to the greater extent of an "official nature". The bad example of "different departments" "fighting each other &c

(7) Colt. Bowen treated the whole correspondence as official and so in my opinion has Mr. Sanderson treated it, including his last official letter on the file. d. 3rd November 91.

(8) I am therefore compelled to report that Mr. Sanderson has in fact declined to tender the apology required of him.

(9) The correspondence that has passed between Mr. Sanderson & myself will show how I have endeavored to place before him his conduct

conduct in its true light & what he was required to do. That the result has been so utterly disappointing, I much regret.

The original file & copies of the subsequent correspondence are herewith forwarded.

Believe me

Yrs very Sincerely

L Mackellar

P.S. Tho' beside the present question, I am asked here with reference to Mr Sanderson's allusion to his complaints against Col. Bowens subordinates not having been investigated, that so far back as 4th January/92. & in accordance with your instructions to me, the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore was requested to place himself in communication with Mr Sanderson

Sanderson & hold a formal enquiry. Copy of this letter was sent to Mr Sanderson. But up to date no such enquiry was possible, as the file of papers has been either with Mr Sanderson or myself.

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I quite agree with Mr Ricketts in the opinion that Mr Sanderson's letter is no apology at all - Taken as an ~~apology~~ it reads more like a defence than an apology, and the effect of some expressions of regret is altogether lost - at least not appreciable -

The best plan now will be to give him another final chance by sending him d.o. the following as the decision of Govt in the matter -

"The Govt are of opinion, after full consideration of Mr S's explanation, that he, in writing to the Chief Secy his letter of 6 April '91 No. 2, violated the Rules of ordinary official Courtesy due to an Officer in Col Bowen's high Station in the Service, that his letter No. 281 of 3 Nov 91 to that Officer contained an intemperate personal attack upon him coupled with a threat to bring to notice by a public prosecution the inattention & disregard of duties shown by the Chief Engr Dept beginning with his own Office, and that such threat, as well as the subsequent threat to ask the permission of Govt to proceed agt the Irrn Dept for losses, constitute such improper Conduct as the Durban Council allow on the part of any of its Officers - The Durban have extended to Mr S shown the great indulgence of giving him an

" opportunity of withdrawing his
" ~~most~~ objection with letter No 281 of 3 Nov
" 91 ~~with a suitable apology~~ with
a of tendering at the same time
a suitable apology to Col: Bowen
" for the extremely disrespectful & indeed
" insulting terms in which he allowed
" himself to couch that letter —
" That he has not appreciated the
" indulgence apparent from his
" letter to his official Superior (Mr Ricketts)
" of Kodaikanal. 6 March 1892, for
" the Durbar must regard this letter
" as a virtual refusal to tender the
" Apology he was ~~called upon to make~~ given an opportunity to tender
" Under such circs. H.H. the Maharaja
" Govt are Compelled to request the
" Resident to be so good as to move

Nothing
on Govt of India, to take ~~back~~ back
" Mr. S., who, for the reasons already
" given, can no longer be employed
" in the ~~Service~~ Myson Service, but
" also take such Notice of his
" Conduct as H.E. the Viceroy
" may deem fit —".

The above under quotation marks
in substance
is the decision of ~~the~~ H.H. the
Maharajah's Govt —

Its execution will be delayed
for 10 days, in order that
Mr. Ricketts, may, if he thinks it

(W.S.)
ed him a friendly D.O. letter
with the ~~above~~ Extract Copy of the
above decision in order he
may yet have a chance of
1st withdrawing unconditionally
his ~~Offensive~~ letter of 3 Nov 1891
No. 281
& 2ds In doing so, tendering an
unconditional apology to
Col: Bowen for the intemperate
disrespectful and ~~Offensive~~
Offensive terms in which
that letter had been Couched.

I can accept nothing short of this.
If it does not come in 10 days,
I must hand him over to the Residency

Send a short letter as above (without reasons
Col Bowen should (without reasons
& arguments) with and to this matter, but
nothing else —

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relieving him at the same time
of his duties as Pilot Supt in Bengal

14 March 92 Kishenaden Jee

Forwarded to the Supt. Genl. Trade
for favor of Monthly return
reqd by 24 March 92 by

by L. Ricketts Esq

and your conduct reported to the Resident

You are well aware of my views in the matter from the several letters I have written to you. One more let me counsel you as a friend to retire from the false position you have taken and in a proper spirit make the amende honorable required of

Yours Sincerely
I. S. Ricketts

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Cadiz Canal. 3/8

1st March 1892

My dear Roberts,

I received your letter of 15th, and in obedience to the letter of Govt I am forwarding an apology to Col. Bowen of which I enclose a copy, and I hope it will be satisfactory

As Govt has had a free opportunity of hearing my explanation, and considers me to have been in fault, I cannot conjecture what other letter able to judge than myself. But I hope the Bowen, himself, and especially Col. Bowen — if he can possibly

take this view of it — were I before that I am perfectly innocent of ever having entertained the most remote intention of insulting him, of writing disrespectfully or offensively. Why should anyone insult anyone, especially an old friend, and over a matter in no way personal? I brought pleasure & delight, and used straightforward terms. But I never thought this word, & very much less intended that it should, be regarded as a personal attack.

However I hope this need

Forward the matter
into compliment
the Bearer & myself,

Yours Sincerely,
C. W. Sanderson

P.S. I have also written Col.
Bowen a private letter,
referring my hopes that
this matter may not
further interrupt our
old friendship

Copy of Official Apology to
Col Bowen 318 FA. 21/2/92

Sir. I have the honor to inform you that it having been decided by the Secretary of War Hyslimes the Maharajah that my letter No 281 of 3rd Nov/91 addressed to you was an intemperate and disrespectful communication, I am desirous of apologizing sincerely for having written the same. And I further beg you will accept my assurances that I had not the very least intention that my letter should bear the construction which it would do.

I hope you will accept

this apology, and permit me to
withdraw the objectionable
letter adverted to

I have the honor
&c &c

(Signed) C W Saunderson
Secretary Aberdeen

No. 1.

From. Mr. G. P. Sanderson
Superintendent of Kheddas.
Mysore.

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To, Colonel C. Bowen, R.E.
Chief Engineer & Secretary to the
Govt. of Mysore P. W. Dept.
Kodikanal March 21st 1892.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that it having been decided by the Government of Mysore that my letter No. 281 of 3rd November 1891 addressed to you was an intemperate and disrespectful Communication. I am desirous of apologizing sincerely for having written the same.—

And I further beg you will accept my assurances that I had not the very least intention that my letter should bear the construction which I see it must do.—

I hope you will accept this apology and permit me to withdraw the objectionable letter adverted to.—

I have &c.
(Signed) G. P. Sanderson.
Supdt. of Kheddas.